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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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October 22, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1232, et al; EDWARD
GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM -
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a newspaper article
from the Miami Tribune, Miami, Florida, dated October 6, 1936,
concerning the trial of William Elmer Meade at Miami, Florida,
which began on October 5, 1936.

The Bureau desires to be advised as to the status
of this trial.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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From the Miami Tribune, Miami, Fla., 10/6/36

AGE 'CON' MAN'S TRIAL OPENS IN U. S. COURT

\$11,300 SWINDLE LANDS BILL MEADE IN FEDERAL TOILS

JACKSONVILLE, Oct. 5. (Special)—After 13 years, William Elmer Meade, 59, named by department of justice operatives, "America's Con Man No. 1," faced a Federal court jury here today on charges of swindling Arthur G. Morton of Whitman, Mass., out of \$11,300 in a stock market wire-tapping scheme in 1921.

The trial started this morning with the early part of the session devoted to a selection of the jury, which was not completed until noon. When court re-convened at 2 p. m. a parade of preliminary governmental witnesses began with apparently a three-day trial in prospect.

Meade first was arrested in 1923, following his indictment on charges of illegal use of the mails, and a \$2,500 bond. He was later, and his bond

Arrested last at Omaha, Neb., in July, his bond was fixed at \$50,000, which he was unable to raise. Since that time he has been in federal custody awaiting trial. Meade originally was indicted with H. C. Howard and William A. Shaw, both of whom pleaded guilty and were sentenced. The government witnesses taking the stand this afternoon were

Parker C. Morton, Belton Lanier, Randall B. Cooke and Herbert N. Graham. The case is being prosecuted by William A. Paisley, district attorney. Meade is defended by Charles M. Durrance and M. H. Myerson. Federal Judge Louis W. Strum is presiding.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

OCTOBER 27, 1936.

Transmit the following message to: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE,
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

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Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREXID

In reply to your letter of October 21, 1936, relative to the original criminal record found on the occasion of the search of 1371 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, I desire to advise that this original criminal of C. I. Winterhalter, FBI-20422, was forwarded to the Bureau from this Office for appropriate examination and by letter dated September 20, 1936 the Bureau advised that they had examined this record and had not been able to develop any latent fingerprints thereon.

It is therefore suggested that you may be able to secure the original record from the Bureau's Technical Laboratory.

Very truly yours,

DML:LJM
cc - Bureau
St. Paul
Cincinnati

D. E. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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November 3, 1936.

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Mr. J. P. MacFarland,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter to your office from the Chicago Bureau Office, dated October 26, 1936, relative to the above-entitled matter, suggesting that your office might be able to obtain the original criminal record of one C. E. Winterhalter, FBI-30222, from the Bureau's Technical Laboratory.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Chicago Bureau Office, there is transmitted herewith to your office the original criminal record indicated above, photographic copies of this record having been made for the completion of the Bureau's file.

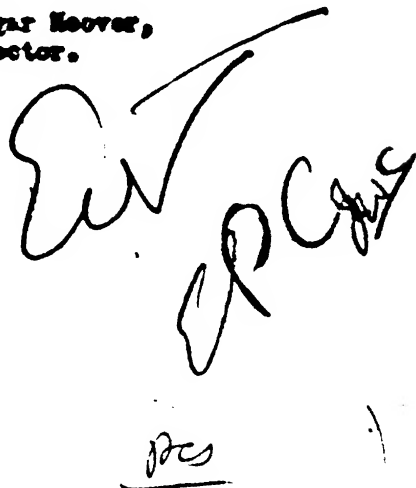
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Inclosure #1063126.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida
October 26, 1936.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1232; et al. Edward
George Bremer - Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau letter dated October 22, 1936, (7-576), you are advised that William Elmer Head went to trial at Jacksonville on October 5, 1936, and was found guilty under the mail fraud indictment on October 7, 1936. On October 14, 1936, he was sentenced to serve two years in the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, and to pay a fine of \$5,000.00.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. Nathan
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 27, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In reply to Bureau letter dated October 22, 1936,
(7-576) addressed to the Cleveland, Ohio office, there is
enclosed herewith one copy of the photograph of LUCIAN C.
FLEMING, probable defendant in the harboring case now under
investigation by this office.

Very truly yours,

JPM/EJB
Enclosure (1)

J. P. MacFarland
J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Fleming, Lucian C
1715 Walnut St
Toledo, Ohio



1446 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 27, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Enclosed herewith is copy of a letter addressed to the Chicago Bureau office under date of October 10, 1936, which copy was requested by you in your telegram dated October 26, 1936.

Also enclosed herewith is copy of photograph of Hanson, Walter, Atlanta Penitentiary #79508.

Very truly yours,

J. J. MacFarland

Enclosures (2)

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- Cincinnati

J. J. MacFarland
Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 27, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: BARKID

Transmitted herewith will be found copy of the report of Special Agent T. K. McKee, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 20, 1936, which contains a question and answer statement made by John Brock relative to his associations with Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, and others.

This statement reflects that Brock was contacted at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on several occasions and that the intermediary between him and the fugitives in every instance was George "Burrhead" Keady, formerly of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and who is now thought to be operating a gambling establishment in or around Dallas, Texas. It is indicated that Karpis and Campbell were harbored on several occasions at a farm located about half way between Tulsa and Sapulpa, Oklahoma, the farm being owned and operated by a man who also owned a number of greyhound dogs. It is also indicated that both Karpis and Campbell were probably harbored during the summer of 1935 at a place in the southern part of Oklahoma, which was obtained for them by Keady. Indications are that Dovey Keady, the wife of "Burrhead" Keady, was instrumental to some extent in aiding these two fugitives.

It is desired that you undertake an immediate investigation of the situation in and around Tulsa, Oklahoma, which enabled the fugitives, Karpis and Campbell, to obtain harbor and assistance, and in this connection it is suggested that an early interview with George "Burrhead" Keady, as well as with his wife, would be beneficial.

Any and all necessary details should be worked out to show the guilt of harboring these fugitives and after submission to the Bureau, and the Bureau being agreeable, the United States

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Attorney should be consulted as to instituting suitable prosecution.

Very truly yours,

SVL/WJB
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E. J. CONNELLEY
Inspector.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

RES:MFS

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

October 27, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to teletype from the Bureau to this office, and teletype from the Jacksonville office to the Bureau of this date concerning the results of the trial of William Elmer Mead at Jacksonville, Florida.

Inquiries at the Office of the United States Marshal at Jacksonville disclosed that Mead was delivered to the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, on October 17, 1936; also that no detainers were filed with the Marshal here prior to Mead's transfer to Atlanta. Assistant United States Attorney William A. Paisley advised that during Mead's incarceration in Jacksonville awaiting trial on the Mail Fraud charge, a request was received from the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois that a detainer be filed against Mead's release in the event of an unsuccessful prosecution of him in Federal Court at Jacksonville. It was learned that the charge pending in the Northern District of Illinois related to Income Tax evasion. It was also learned that a Fugitive complaint was filed accordingly at Jacksonville, Florida, by the United States Attorney but that same was not executed in view of the successful prosecution of Mead at this point.

Under date of October 26, 1936, a letter was directed to the Bureau advising as to the results of the trial of William Elmer Mead at Jacksonville. It appears that this communication had not been received in the Bureau prior to the forwarding of the teletype to this office on this date.

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Very truly yours,

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R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Chicago
Cincinnati
St. Louis

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

No. 1

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Bu. file #-----.

October 28, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

--- Frank Greenwald

It is noted that the fingerprints of the above individual received from Bureau Office, Cleveland, Ohio, contain no criminal data. Because of the desirability of having the fingerprint files of this Bureau complete in every detail, you are kindly requested to furnish the details of the arrest of this individual, in order that the same may be placed on the fingerprint card in the Bureau's files.

The following is the fingerprint classification of the above individual:

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Very truly yours,

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J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.

REGISTERED MAILS

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

Post Office Department
THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL
Washington

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October 27, 1936.

The Honorable
The Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of (October 24, 1936,) which the Postmaster General has referred to me, I am pleased to advise you that instructions this date have been issued to the postmaster at Cleveland, Ohio, to permit the authorized representative of the Cleveland Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, to make photostatic copies of the delivery records covering the five C. O. D. parcels described in your letter as having been mailed by the ~~Thomas~~ Shirt Co., 240 North High St., Columbus, Ohio, to E. X. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

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Acting Third Assistant Postmaster General.

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November 2, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
ET AL; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,
with aliases, I. O. 1232,
FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE
BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING.

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter dated October 27, 1936 from the Acting Third Assistant Postmaster General, addressed to the Attorney General, in which it is stated that instructions were issued on that date to the Postmaster at Cleveland, Ohio to permit an authorized representative of the Cleveland office of this Bureau to make photostatic copies of the delivery records covering the five C.O.D. parcels mailed by the Thomas Shirt Company, 240 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, to E. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Photostatic copies of these receipts should be obtained for use in conducting the investigation at Cleveland, Ohio, and in the event the originals are desired at a later date for purposes of trial, a subpoena can be issued for that purpose. Photostatic copies of these receipts should be forwarded to the Bureau in order that the appropriate comparison may be made by the Technical Laboratory of the signature of E. Bronson with the known handwriting of Fred Barker.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Dawsey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Fox
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO. 7-15 CEM:aw

REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS	DATE WHEN MADE 10-27-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-20-36	REPORT MADE BY C. E. WEEKS
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; FRED JOHN HUNTER, with aliases; et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Fred John Hunter was indicted for conspiracy to harbor Alvin Karpis by a Federal Grand Jury, New Orleans, La., 5-27-36. He was arraigned, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to serve two years in an institution to be designated by the Attorney General on the same day. Hunter lodged in the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga. Parole Report submitted. Disposition Sheet attached.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent L. I. Bowman, New Orleans, Louisiana, 5-21-36.

DETAILS:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

The Docket records of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, at New Orleans, Louisiana, under Docket #18639, in the case entitled - United States vs. Fred John Hunter, reflect that on May 27, 1936 a true bill was found and indictment filed charging violation of Section 37 of the Criminal Code, this being an indictment charging that Fred John Hunter conspired with Harry Campbell, who was not indicted, on or about January 22, 1935, and continuously thereafter, up to and including the first day of May 1936, at Warren, Ohio, and other places, to violate Section 141 of the United States Criminal Code, Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 246, which provides penalty for harboring or concealing any person for whose arrest a warrant or process

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has been issued under the provisions of any law of the United States. It was alleged that defendants harbored one, Alvin Karpovich, alias Alvin Karpis, for whom a warrant had been issued January 22, 1935, by the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota for the arrest of Alvin Karpovich, which warrant was issued on an indictment found by the Federal Grand Jury of the District of Minnesota, charging Alvin Karpis unlawfully conspired with other persons to kidnap and transport in interstate commerce and hold for \$200,000 ransom one, Edward J. Bremer. Ten overt acts are alleged which are as follows:

1. On or about January 22, 1935 defendants Fred Hunter and Harry Campbell met Alvin Karpovich at Warren, Ohio.
2. On or about January 30, 1935, the defendants met Alvin Karpovich at Warren, Ohio.
3. On or about April 2, 1936, the defendant Hunter drove Karpovich into the City of New Orleans, Louisiana in Hunter's 1936 Ford Coupe.
4. On or about April 3, 1936, defendant Hunter returned to New Orleans with Alvin Karpovich.
5. On or about April 3, 1936, defendant Hunter, using the alias H. J. King, sold Evans Motor Co., of Louisiana, Inc., 1936 Ford Coupe.
6. Defendant Hunter, on or about April 9, 1936, at Fernwood By-The-Sea, located between Biloxi and Gulfport, Mississippi, accompanied Alvin Karpovich and registered at said tourist camp.
7. On or about April 10, 1936, defendant Hunter, using the alias Edward O'Hara, rented an apartment at 3343 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.
8. On or about April 14, 1936, defendant Hunter accompanied Karpovich to the garage of the Quality Motors Co., Inc., 1625 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.
9. On or about April 27, 1936, defendant Hunter permitted Alvin Karpovich to use the apartment at 3343 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, as an asylum to come and go as he saw fit, eluding arrest by Federal authorities on the warrant aforesaid.
10. On or about May 1, 1936, defendant Hunter permitted Alvin Karpovich to use his apartment, 3343 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The records reflect that on May 27, 1936, Hunter was arraigned, entered a plea of guilty, and was sentenced to serve two years in such an institution as may be designated by the Attorney General of the United States. Warrant was issued on the sentence.

On June 8, 1936 there is reported the filing of the Marshal's return on warrant executed June 4, 1936, which is to the effect that the defendant Hunter was lodged in the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Parole Report is being submitted to the Bureau.

Disposition Sheet attached.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE: Will report the completion of tracing of guns found in the possession of Alvin Karpis at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Will report completion of other outstanding leads.

P E N D I N G

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
This case originated at **MINNAPOLI, OHIO.** File No. **7-576-1345**

Report Made at: **NEW ORLEANS** Date When Made: **10-27-36** Title of Case: **ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DRUGS; with aliases; FUGITIVE, I. O. 12588 P. 2; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; BREMER, Victim; KIDNAPING; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.** Reported by: **C. WEEKS**

Name of Convict: **FRED JOHN HUNTER**
with aliases: **FRED HUNTER, FREDDIE HUNTER, FRED KING, HAROLD KING, H. KING, H. I. KING, FRED HARRIS, FRED JOHN HENDERSON, EDWARD O'HARA, E. O'HARA.**

On January 17, 1934, Edward George Bremer was kidnaped at St. Paul, Minnesota, and transported to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held for \$200,000 ransom. He was released February 7, 1934, at Rochester, Minnesota, after payment of the ransom demand. On January 22, 1935, a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, returned an indictment charging Alvin Karpis, with aliases, and others, with conspiracy between the dates of December 1, 1933, and May 1, 1934, to kidnap and transport interstate and hold for \$200,000 ransom one, Edward George Bremer, in violation of Title 18, Section 408-a, U. S. Code. Based upon this indictment, a warrant was issued January 22, 1935, for the arrest of Alvin Karpis, but he remained a fugitive from justice until May 1, 1936, when he was arrested in company with convict Fred Hunter at New Orleans, Louisiana, by the Director, Assistant Director, and Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Karpis became acquainted with convict Fred John Hunter at Warren, Ohio, during January 1935. Hunter was made aware of the true identity of Karpis, but he there was a Federal warrant outstanding for Karpis's arrest in connection with the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, above described. Nevertheless, convict Hunter associated with, harbored, and concealed Alvin Karpis intermittently from the time of their meeting until May 1, 1936, when they were arrested together at New Orleans, Louisiana, and during this time Karpis traveled with Karpis to various parts of the United States and at New Orleans, Louisiana, permitting Alvin Karpis to make use of an apartment he, convict Hunter, had returned an indictment charging convict Hunter with conspiracy, with Harry Campbell (not indicted), to harbor and conceal Alvin Karpis as above described. On the same day, May 27, 1936, Hunter was arraigned before United States District Judge Wayne G. Borah, Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Approved and Forwarded: *[Signature]* Special Agent in Charge

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whereupon he entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to serve two years in such an institution as might be designated by the Attorney General of the United States.

There are no mitigating circumstances in connection with this offense, convict Hunter knowing full well the dangerous and desperate character of the person he was concealing from arrest. In fact, convict Hunter admitted his intention to participate with Karpis in a crime some time after the date on which he was arrested for the purpose of replenishing their funds. It is also alleged convict Hunter participated with Alvin Karpis and others in the robbery of mail from a train carrying United States Mail at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935, which offense is the subject of an investigation by the Postal Inspection Service.

Fred John Hunter was born October 13, 1899 at Warren, (Trumbull County) Ohio. He has been married and separated; is a citizen of the United States. He has a handicap in speech as he stutters badly when excited and stutters over long words. He is also reported to be suffering a tubercular condition. Hunter served from January 31, 1921 until August 3, 1921, in the United States Army being assigned to 91, Aero Squadron, Mather Field, California, as a Private. He was honorably discharged from the Air Service Detachment August 3, 1921 because of reduction in the Army. His character in the Army was noted as excellent.

The father of this convict, George Hunter, is presently seventy-two years of age, and is employed as a blacksmith and boilermaker at Leavittsburg, Ohio. The mother of the convict died in 1910, and the father was unable to rear the children properly. There were five sons and one daughter in the family, one of whom, in addition to convict Fred Hunter, is reported serving a long sentence in the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, this being William Hunter. Other members of the family have been engaged in law violations, including such crimes as burglary.

Convict Hunter claims to be a welder, gambler, and salesman for gambling paraphernalia by occupation. He has been a devotee of cock fighting and has kept several game cocks for that purpose. He has also been a card dealer in gambling resorts.

The following criminal record of Fred John Hunter, with aliases, is reflected by the files of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which records it under FBI-54440:

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1105 Mills Tower,
San Francisco, California

October 24, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, With Aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, With Aliases;
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; ET AL;
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to your letter dated October 2, 1936, (7-576) requesting that this office interview Volney Davis and obtain from him a written order as to what disposition he desires to be made of his overcoat recovered at Yorkville, Illinois, in February, 1935.

While at Alcatraz Island on other official business on October 14, 1936, Special Agent J. H. Rice, of this office, interviewed Volney Davis who advised that he desired the overcoat in question to be turned over to his mother, Mrs. Rodney E. Davis, Route #2, Neosho, Missouri.

Accordingly, an order was prepared and signed by Volney Davis, original of which is hereby submitted to the Bureau and copies of same are being furnished with copies of this letter to the Chicago and Kansas City Bureau Offices for their information and in order that they may take appropriate steps to turn the property over to Mrs. Davis if deemed advisable.

Very truly yours, 7-576-13146

W. L. Listerman
Special Agent in Charge

JHR:FB
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Enclosure

cc: Chicago (1 encl)
cc: Kansas City (1 encl)

OCT 4 1936

Alcatraz Island, California.
October 14, 1936.

I, VOLNEY DAVIS, do hereby authorize the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, or its Agents, to dispose of my dark blue overcoat, which I discarded at Yorkville, Illinois, in February, 1935, to my mother, Mrs. Rodney E. Davis, Route #2, Neosho, Missouri.

Volney Davis
VOLNEY DAVIS

Witness:

J. H. Rice
J. H. RICE, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
San Francisco, California.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
October 27, 1936

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

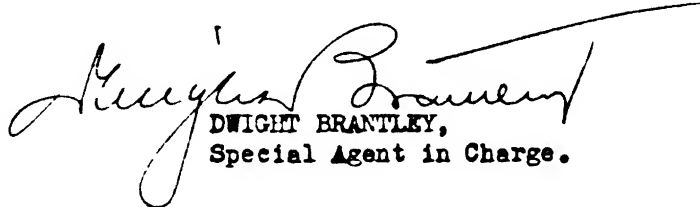
Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

With reference to the report of Special Agent L. E. Kingman dated October 27, 1936 at Oklahoma City in this case, there has been transmitted under separate cover, an application for purchase of dangerous or deadly weapons, signed Roy Eckles, August 17, 1935 at Tulsa, Oklahoma, together with a sheet of paper containing three specimens of the known signature of Roy Eckles, a resident of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

As indicated in the report of Agent Kingman, to which reference is made, it is requested the Technical Laboratory of the Bureau compare the signature of Roy Eckles on the application for the purchase of a gun, with the known specimens appearing on the sheet of paper. This office and other interested offices should be informed of the findings of the Laboratory.

Very truly yours,


DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#12484

Laboratory Report

Case: **Re: BREKID**

Number: **7-576-13147**

Specimens:

- 7-576-13147 Q8. One application for purchase of dangerous or deadly weapons
No. A 704 dated Aug. 17, 1935 in name of Roy Eckles.
" K1. One page bearing specimen signatures of Roy Eckles.

Examination requested by: **Oklahoma City**

Date received: **10-31-36 jwp 10:00 AM** 11/4

Examination requested: **Document**

Result of examination: *No conclusion. Specimen made up.*
Examination by: *Pickering (AE)*

CC: St. Paul
Cincinnati
Cleveland
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

Roy Eckles

Roy. Eckles No conclusion

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: 31-10012

Number: 7-576-13147

Specimens:

- 7-576-13147 08. One application for purchase of dangerous or deadly weapons
No. A 704 dated Aug. 17, 1935 in name of Roy Echles.
" 11. One page bearing specimen signatures of Roy Echles.

Examination requested by: Oklahoma City

Date received: 10-31-36 5:10 PM

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

*no conclusion.
specimens inadequate.
Get more specimens if
other conditions warrant.*

Examination by: *W. J. (1)*

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CC: 31-10012
Chicago
W. J. Kelley, Chicago

(Quest. Roy Eckles.

Known Roy Eckles.

Roy Eckles

Roy Eckles.

no conclusion.
(Probably not.)

Washington Field Office, Room 4244,
Washington, D. C.
October 28, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There are outstanding at this time "flash cards" as indicated below:

Division of Motor Vehicles, Richmond, Virginia) Re: Following cars:
Commission of Motor Vehicles, Baltimore, Maryland) 1934 Ford Coupe, model 40, motor #18-429014
Director of Traffic, Wash- ington, D. C.) 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ-329778
) 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, motor #2044337

Veterans' Administration U. S. Navy Department) Re: William J. Harrison
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Veterans' Administration) Re: Dr. Joseph P. Moran with aliases
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Please advise whether there is any necessity for the retention of these "flash cards" with the agencies named above.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Bureau
Chicago.

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1307 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
October 26, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Louisville, Kentucky

97518

Re: Brekid.

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to letter of the New York City Office dated June 2, 1936, addressed to the Special Agent in Charge, Cincinnati, Ohio, setting forth information pertaining to the checking of guns recovered from subjects in this case.

It is noted .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol #C175221 was shipped to the Belknap Hardware & Manufacturing Company of Louisville, Kentucky, on November 7, 1934.

It is stated .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol #C17727⁸ was shipped to Messrs. Wolf & Vlar, of Fort Worth, Texas, on July 29, 1935.

The letter reports that the Colt .22 calibre ace model automatic pistol, Serial #480, was shipped to the Richard & Conover Hardware Company of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 1931 or 1932.

The letter informs that the .38 calibre Colt automatic pistol, Serial #106616, was shipped to Harper & Reynolds Company of Los Angeles, California, on April 17, 1930.

This office has not been advised further as to the tracing of these guns, and it is requested that your office, and each of the offices covering the points to which the guns mentioned in this letter were shipped, advise if tracing has been completed and the results thereof, so that the New Orleans file may be brought up to date.

Very truly yours,

7-576 1314
R. L. Tollett,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc -
Bureau
Cincinnati
Oklahoma City
Dallas
Los Angeles

PREVIOUS RECORD OF 7-576-11885

Washington Field Office, Room 4244,
Washington, D. C.

October 27, 1936.

Administrator of Veterans Affairs,
Veterans Administration,
Arlington Building,
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. McInerney

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On April 21, 1936, you were requested to place
a "flash" in your files, to notify this office should any
communication be received from one Oliver Benjamin Lester.

This man has subsequently been located, and it
is requested that the "flash" be withdrawn.

Please accept my thanks for your assistance in
this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

RPB:MC
cc - Bureau
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Washington Field Office, Room 4244,
Washington, D. C.

October 27, 1936.

Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Miss Elizabeth Foley, World War Division.

Re: BREKID

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this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

RFB:MC

cc - Bureau
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

REN:MFS

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

October 21, 1936. 7:31

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith two clippings from a Havana newspaper, which were forwarded to Special Agent Bryan Farrell of this Office by Detective Carlos Graña of Havana. It is noted that these clippings are in Spanish and I am unable to translate them. However, it appears that at least one of the clippings frequently refers to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Nathan

R. E. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.

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FAMOUS G-MEN ACT IN CUBA

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Extend Arm of Justice to Habana.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation of the U. S., assigned to the Department of Justice of Washington, has a group of men, specialists in criminal investigations, who, to differentiate them from the members of the secret service, are given the name "G-Men", that is, Government Men, thus differentiating them from the different corps of municipal and state police.

These men are the ones who with their chief, Mr. John Edgar Hoover, are waging the intense fight on the North American gangsters and kidnappers.

The same Hoover, in person, was the one who, without a single revolver shot, captured the terrible gangster Alvin Karpis. In the International Conference of Chiefs of American Police, held a short while ago, Hoover declared that he had been at the place where Karpis was, not for personal courage nor for an exhibition of audacity, but for scientific observations of the technical experts who advised him and without whom it would never have been possible to arrive at the proper whereabouts of the terrible bandit.

By the opportune information published extensively by "El Pais", it was known that the same Karpis as well as other notorious gangsters of the neighboring republic have been in Habana carrying on their operations and investigations. One proof of this has been the widely publicized case of Mr. Cassius MacDonald, who introduced into Cuba the marked bank notes from a kidnapping, and who was considered as a "gentleman" by many in this city and suspected by others for the ostentatious life that he led. This last caused the Minister of Interior to start an investigation.

At this time the portfolio of Interior was held by Dr. Raul de Cardenas, who relied on the discreet and delicate work of Dr. Israel Castellanos, Director of the National Bureau of Investigation, who in a few days gave a complete and detailed report concerning the true personality of Cassius MacDonald, showing him as he really was: a man with a title of engineer, protected by politicians of ill repute residing in the city of Chicago, and with a judicial record in different states of the American union.

Opportunely it was known that Dr. Cardenas surprised and discouraged the persons who were interested by the mentioned criminal and that the Cuban authorities were certain with regard to the first suspicions.

At the same time, and attracted by the case, several American "G-Men" disembarked in Cuba. From these same columns, it was known that the members of this institution and of other Services of the United States visited the Secretary of the Interior.

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Now then, we have never been able to determine exactly when they came nor for what they came; but it is unquestionable that the "G-Men" acted in Cuba with the same efficiency as in the United States. In cooperation with whom did these men work in our country?

This is a question whose answer we shall give our readers very soon.

Trans. by N. L. Ferris
Typed C. E. 7

Notify the 8 Detained in Principe Jail of the
Request for Death Sentence.

The official of the Court of Urgency of Habana, Senor O. Pizarro, appeared last night at the jail, notifying those detained there: ex-Capt. of Police Guillermo Ara; ex-Lieutenant Roberto Mecqui; Chauffeur Paulino Jimenez Rojo; Maria Teresa Gonzalez del Valle, sweetheart of Mario Salavarría; Miguel Cabrera; and Lilia Vanillillas, sweetheart of Candido de la Torre; of the death sentence which the District Attorney had asked for them in the provisional conclusions.

Trans. by N. L. Ferris
Typed C. M. [unclear]

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Actúan en Cuba Célebres G-Men

Extienden el brazo de la justicia hasta la Habana

El Bureau Federal de Investigaciones de los E. U., adscrito al departamento de Justicia de Washington, tiene un grupo de hombres especializados en las investigaciones criminales los cuales para ser diferenciados de los miembros del servicio secreto reciben el nombre de G-Men, o sea: hombres de gobierno; diferenciándose así de los distintos cuerpos de policía municipales y estatales.

Esos hombres son los que con su jefe, Mr. John Edgar Hoover, están dando la más intensa batalla a los pandilleros y secuestradores norteamericanos.

E. propio Hoover en persona fué

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Actúan en Cuba . . .

(CONTINUACION)

el que detuvo, sin hacer un solo disparo de revolver, al temible pandillero Alvin Karpis. En la conferencia internacional de jefes de policía americanos celebrada hace poco Hoover declaró que él había ido al lugar en donde estaba Karpis no por su valor personal ni por un alarde de audacia; sino por las investigaciones científicas de los técnicos que lo asesoraron y que sin ellos nunca hubiera podido llegar al propio paradero del temible bandido.

Por las oportunas informaciones publicadas extensamente por EL PAÍS se conoce que tanto Karpis como otros pandilleros notorios de la vecina república han estado en La Habana realizando operaciones e investigaciones. Una prueba de ello ha sido el ruidoso caso del ingeniero Mr. Cassius MacDonald, que introdujo en Cuba los billetes contramarcados de un secuestro y a quien en esta ciudad muchos consideraban como un "gentleman" y otros sospechaban de él por la vida fastuosa que llevaba. Este último motivo que la Secretaría de Gobernación realizó una investigación.

En ese tiempo desempeñaba la Cartera del Interior el Dr. Raúl de Cárdenas quien confió el discreto y delicado trabajo al Dr. Israel Castañeda, director del gabinete nacional de identificación, el cual, a los pocos días, rindió un amplio y detallado informe acerca de la verdadera personalidad de Cassius Mac Donald, presentándolo como lo que era: un hombre con título de ingeniero, amparado por políticos mal reputados residentes en la ciudad de Chicago y con "record" judicial en distintos estados de la unión americana.

Oportunamente se conoció también que el Dr. Cárdenas sorprendió y abatió a las personalidades que se interesaban por el mencionado delincuente y que las autoridades cubanas estaban en lo cierto en cuanto a las primeras sospechas.

En aquel tiempo y atraídos por el caso desembarcaron en Cuba varios "G-Men" americanos. Desde estas mismas columnas se supo que miembros de esa institución y otros servicios de los E. U. visitaron la Secretaría de Gobernación.

Ahora bien: nunca hemos podido precisar cuándo vienen ni a lo que vienen; pero es incuestionablemente que los "G-Men" actúan en Cuba con la misma eficacia que en los Esta-

Notificaron la solicitud de pena de muerte a 8 detenidos en el Principe

El oficial del Tribunal de Urgencia de la Habana, señor O. Pizarro, se personó anoche en la cárcel, notificándole a los detenidos ex capitán de policía Guillermo Ara; al ex teniente Roberto Meoqui; al chauffeur Paulino Jiménez Rojo; a María Teresa González del Valle amante de Mario Salavarría; a Miguel Cabrera y a Lilia Vanillillas, amante de Cándido de la Torre, la pena de muerte que para ellos interesa el Fiscal en sus conclusiones provisionales.

dos Unidos. ¿En cooperación de quién trabajan esos hombres en nuestra República?

Esta es una pregunta, cuya contestación daremos a nuestros lectores muy pronto.

EAS:DM

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October 23, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH

Re: Unknown Subjects; Mrs. Albert H. Crosby, Victim; WSPA.

As an indication of lack of cooperation, I refer to the report of Special Agent E. M. Notestein, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated October 5, 1936, in connection with the above entitled matter, together with a personal and confidential letter dated October 6, 1936, received from Special Agent in Charge Stein of the same office.

The St. Paul office was advised by J. R. Murphy and George Sommers of the Claim Department, Travelers Insurance Company that they had received a telephone call from Melvin J. Passolt, Chief of the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, indicating an indirect approach for the purpose of instituting a Buy-Back arrangement for the return of the jewelry stolen. Passolt indicated that if \$2,500.00 were made available he believed the loot could be returned. The facts concerning this approach on the part of Passolt were discussed by Mr. Stein with United States Attorney George Sullivan at St. Paul, who indicated his desire to push the prosecutive action regarding any activity on the part of outsiders participating in a Buy-back transaction, adding that even though no definite evidence was disclosed the stolen property was ever transported outside of the state, he, Mr. Sullivan is of the opinion that the Federal Grand Jury has the right to subpoena Passolt and Frank Sommers to learn whether they have knowledge of any such transportation and that it is Mr. Sullivan's belief that if they are so summoned, information can be developed as to who may have been responsible for the theft and who may be holding the jewelry at the present time. As Mr. Stein indicates, such action, that is, bringing Passolt and Sommers before the Federal Grand Jury, may at least show these individuals in their true light as little more than extortionists.

Mr. Stein, in referring to Melvin Passolt, stated that the Bureau will recall he enjoys a very poor reputation as a law enforcement officer, and further that he testified as to the good character of the bootleg place operated by Harry Sawyer during prohibition, the above testimony having been given in the most recent Bremer trial, when Sawyer was a defendant.

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Memo for Mr. Foxworth

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October 23, 1936.

He further states that it will be recalled his Chief Investigator, Frank Sommers, was at one time head of the local Secret Service office. Sommers also was indicted in St. Paul at one time in connection with a mail robbery, which indictment was later dismissed. Sommers also served as Chief of Police of St. Paul and for awhile operated a private detective agency. His reputation is of the poorest and it is commonly rumored that he is the contact in the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for all major criminals. Incidentally, the above mentioned report indicates that it is the opinion of the representatives of the insurance company that Frank Sommers is involved in this case, in view of his previous doubtful reputation and that Passolt is merely fronting for Sommers, and that either Passolt or Sommers, or both, have definite knowledge of the party making negotiations for the thief. As the report indicates, the insurance company is awaiting further contact with Mr. Passolt, at which time the St. Paul office is to be advised and such further steps taken as may be deemed advisable according to the arrangement suggested for the final negotiation.

Respectfully,

E. A. Soucy:th.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Louis, Mo

Cleveland: FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 10/24/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/15 to 22/36	REPORT MADE BY J. V. MURPHY	KJB
TITLE <u>CRIMINAL TITLES</u>			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; H. B. INVEST. OF PUBLICITY; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FINANCIAL ACT.	
INVESTIGATED, aliases: Ted Angus, John F. Burns SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <u>BUT ANOTHER</u> <u>JOHN F. BURNS</u> , alias Joe Rozcoe; <u>LEONARD C. HARRIS</u> , alias Lady Fleming; <u>LEONARD C. HARRIS</u> ; <u>MARSHALL HARRIS</u> ; <u>JOHN F. BURNS</u> , alias John F. Burns; <u>JOHN F. BURNS</u> ; <u>CHARLES HARRIS</u> , alias Coolie Monroe; <u>JOHN F. BURNS</u> , alias Greenie; <u>J. V. MURPHY</u> , aliases: Jimmie Wilson, James Jackson, James Ryan, "Dr." Jim Wilson, E. J. Powell, Thomas Barrowman; <u>CHARLES JAMES FITZGERALD</u> , aliases: Charles Morgan, J. C. Hammond, E. M. Funk, Slim Williams, Frank West, Charles Logan, Charles Love, Philip Fitzgerald, W. A. Frank, J. C. Hanson, E. D. Fitzgerald, J. C. Adams, Daniel Mathias Logan, Charles Jordan, W. A. Fitzgerald, Chi Clin, Big Charley, Big Ben, Big Fitz, Long Charley, Ed Charlie, William Funk, C. J. Murphy, Charlie Joseph Murphy, J. C. Foster, James Charles Foster, Judro Fitzgerald, C. W. Wilson;				
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ALVIN KARPIS, aliases: Willie Berry, "Izzy", Ed. Jones, Oliver Bennett,
Otto Marges;

WILLIAM WEAVER, aliases: P. O'Donnell, Phoenix Donald, W. A. Nelson,
W. J. Nelson, P. J. Nelson, Bill Scott, W. C. Weaver,
Charles A. Lucas, Charles E. Hollins, Bill Weaver,
Delix Donald, P. O. Donald, Phoenix O'Donnell, W. C. Weaver,
P. C. Scott, J. A. Orhood, Bill Thornton, Phoenix Donald,
Leland Willie, George E. Weaver, C. H. Weaver, Wm.
Thornton, Buck Weaver, Claire Lucas, Delix Donald,
Clair Lucas, Heavy, W. A. Weaver, V. Lucas, Clarence
Katon, Clarence Lucas, J. K. Osborne;

JOHN Y. MOORE, aliases: Curley Davis, Cotton Davis, E. V. Davis,
J. H. Lockwood, S. E. Lockwood, C. E. Moore, Jimmie,
Curley Moore, Everett Davis, Curley Hansen, J. E. Hansen,
Curley Hansen, George Lawrence Harper, George L'France,
Roy Green;

ALICE BROWN, aliases: Mrs. S. A. Green, Louise Graham, L. C. Wood,
J. E. Brown, Mrs. J. E. Brown, Mrs. E. C. Brown,
Mrs. J. E. Brown, Gloria Brown, Mrs. J. E. Brown;

WILLIAM J. HARRISON, aliases: Willie Harrison, J. E. Bolton, W. J. Ryan,
Alber Hoge, (deceased);

JOSEPH E. MORAN, aliases: "Boss" Moran, Joseph E. Moran, Joseph E.
Moran, J. E. Moran, MORAN, J. E. Moran;

ROY GRAY, aliases: Rusty Gibson, W. Gray, Bradford Evans,
Roy Gray, Roy Gray Evans, Andrew Allen, Slim Evans,
Slim Gray, (deceased);

FRED BARNES, aliases: W. C. Ward, Ted Murphy, J. Darrows, H. E. Davis,
J. E. Blackburn, T. C. Blackburn, A. E. Hunter, J. Earl
Mattersen, J. Stanley Smith, Fred E. Gordon, Bradford,
Earl J. Mattersen, W. C. Blackburn, W. E. Lang, Shorty,
A. C. Bradford, (deceased);

ALVIN KARPIS, aliases: Alvin Francis Karpavicz, A. Carter, Raymond Handley,
George Haller, Alvin Karpis, A. Karpis, Earl Peel, Alvin Kapis,
George Dunn, M. E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter, Ray Karpis, E. L.
Burns, M. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lohman, William E.
Lohman, T. E. Nelson, Earl Lynn Burns, Marion Bradford,
Marion Bradford, E. J. Milgret, M. E. Milgret, Edward
Milgret, M. L. Burns, Ray Hall, Dan Murphy, "Chit" Karpis,
Raymond Padley, Alvin Karpis, "Jones", Charles M. Bronson,
Leroy Morrison, M. E. Burns, W. E. Burns, M. C. Burns,
Oliver Burns, W. E. Burns, Edward E. Burns, L. C. Burns,

R. M. Green, W. A. Green, Ray Green, E. K. Green,
 Charles A. Richards, W. M. Lohman, T. L. Lohman, Raymond
 Alvin Karpis, Ray Carson, T. M. Nelson, R. J. Burns,
 Ray Hadley, R. C. Carson, Hayes, Kray W. Beaudry,
 C. E. Brand, W. M. Lohman, William C. Lohman, W. O.
 Bell, Doc Day, Doc, Ed Woods, Frank Guthrie, Ray Miller,
 Ed King, W. F. Collins, Edw. O'Hara, Frank A. Gleason,
 E. Collins, Sonny Miller, C. Ames, Chas. Miller, H. L.
 Burns, F. M. Dawson, R. C. Hayes, Jr.;

HARRY CAMPBELL, aliases: Dave Campbell, T. C. Blackburn, George L.
 Martin, George Nelson, John Talcott, George Talcott,
 George Winfield, George Swenson, Buff, Sutton,
 Charles Miller, Bob Miller, Buffalo, Dave, G. L. Summers,
 G. F. Summers, G. Summers, T. E. Blackburn, C. C.
 Cameron, U. C. Cameron, Doc F. Summers, R. E. Nelson,
 Bob Brown, Clarence Charles Miller, Carl Atkins;

EDWARD E. KOL, aliases: McRae;

WILLIAM M. KOL;

WILLIAM M. KOL, aliases: J. M. Lata, J. E. Lata, Thomas J. Shaw, Carl Baker;

JOHN BRACK, aliases: John Brack, J. D. Adams, J. C. Doughton, Harold
 Johnson, T. E. Evans;

EDWARD KOL, aliases: Robert Pratt, Tommy Pratt, Tommy Coleman, Ralph Kool,
 Ralph Nelson;

JOHN E. DAVIS, aliases: Joe E. Adams, Joe Adams;

HENRY RANDALL, aliases: Henry Randall, Duke Randall, Henry Stern;

ARTHUR E. BARKER, aliases: "Doc" Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Marker, E. L.
 Murray, J. E. Murray, A. E. Hunter, Dock Barker, Claude
 Barker, Arthur Barker, F. E. Gordon, E. J. Harvey,
 James, Ray Gordon, Joe, Shorty, Fenny, Dock Barker,
 H. J. Morley;

JOHN F. GORMAN, aliases: Sharkey Gorman, Sharkey, Smokey Sharkey.

W. J. KINN, aliases: Fred John Henderson, Fred Harris, Fred Kinn,
 H. J. Kinn, Harold Kinn, Edward O'Hara.

Benson Groves, aliases: Benson A. Groves, George Wilson, "Soup",
Burns Garby, E. C. Grayson, Benson Groves,
Benjamin Grayson, E. J. Grayson, Burns Garby,
"Soup" Groves.

EDITH BARRY, VICTIM.

Synopsis of facts: Lillian Meres furnished signed statement narrating her association with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell at Edith Barry's house for about ten days around latter part of January 1935; that they returned for a few days in February and later returned in latter part of March 1935, and stayed for two weeks. Thereafter Karpis visited this place at various times during summer and fall 1935. She identifies John F. "Harkey" Gorman, John Brock, Fred Hunter and Benson Groves, and partially identifies Joe Roscoe and Coolie Monroe as visitors at Edith Barry's house during time Karpis and Campbell were there. States Harkey Gorman known to Karpis and Edith Barry prior to 1933. States Frank Greenwald was contacting and delivering packages to Joe Roscoe for Karpis and Campbell. Lillian Meres admits purchase of 1935 Ford coupe in company of John Brock in March 1935. States Joe Roscoe brought Benson Groves to Edith Barry's house in latter part of Oct. 1934, where they visited with Karpis. Thereafter Edith Barry, with Lillian Meres and Frank Oranwald, on two occasions contacted Groves at the 42nd Street Cafe. She also states that around this period Groves had private conversations with Edith Barry at her house on several occasions. Jerry Jordan now located at Drake Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio. Esther Goulet now states Clara McGraw introduced Harry Campbell to her as her cousin, Bob Miller. Signed statement obtained from Elwood Yonkers, in which he denies having met Harry Campbell or Lynone Burdette. Frances Colander, former housekeeper for Joe Roscoe, unable to identify photographs of Barker-Karpis gang. Mrs. Bertha Isenberg states Harry Campbell did not set "Babe" up in business. "Tex" Lester M. Williams, former employee of Joe Roscoe at Idle Island interviewed by agents but furnished no pertinent information. Efforts to

look to Benson Graves in Toledo that far unsuccessful. Officers W. L. Lusk and Frank Mahr, Toledo Police Department, state made official call at Casino Club in early spring of 1934, but unable to identify photographs of Barker-Karpis gang as those of persons present. Registration record of Brock as T. F. Evans at Gordon Square Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, 3/26 to 4/2/35 obtained.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 17, 1936; letter of the Cincinnati office to Cleveland office dated October 14, 1936.

DETAILS:

The title is being marked "Change!" to add the names of George Fitzroy; Theodore Angus, with aliases; Bert Angus; Joseph Moscoe, with alias; Lucien C. Fleming, with alias; Earl J. Hamilton; Paul J. Ellis, with aliases; William J. Lett; John Brock, with aliases; Ben Coker, with aliases; John W. Gorman, with aliases; Fred John Hunter; with aliases; Benson Graves, with aliases; James J. Wilson, with aliases; Charles Joseph Fitzgerald, with aliases; Oliver M. Berg, with aliases; William Weaver, with aliases; Volney Davis, with aliases; Dolores Delaney, with alias; William J. Harrison, with alias (deceased); Russell Gibson, with aliases, (deceased); Fred Barker, with aliases, (deceased); Harry Campbell, with aliases, (deceased); in view of harboring investigation at Cleveland and Toledo, which tends to establish those persons named as persons concerning whom evidence will be presented to a Federal Grand Jury as defendants or co-conspirators.

This report covers the investigative activities of Special Agents W. J. Norstrom, A. Dickstein, E. B. Dill, W. F. Sullivan, J. L. Madala, and J. V. Murphy.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents W. F. Sullivan and John L. Madala:

Reference is made to letter from the Cleveland Bureau office to the Bureau dated February 5, 1935, and report of Special Agent W. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated March 24, 1935, setting out interviews had with Lillian Merea, alias Lou Poole, a prostitute at the house of Edith Barry, during the time Morris and Campbell resided there.

Upon instructions of Inspector E. J. Connelley the above mentioned special agents proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, from Cleveland, Ohio, and located Lou Poole, residing with her husband, Charles Merea, on 1435 N. Main Street, Haddon Road, Toledo, Ohio.

On October 20 and 21, 1935, Lou Poole was interviewed at the temporary office being maintained at Toledo, Ohio. A written statement which she signed was obtained from her, and it is set out herewith:

Toledo, Ohio
October 21, 1935

"I, LILLIAN MEREK, also known as Lou Poole, nee Lillian Merea, do hereby make the following signed statement to W. F. Sullivan and John L. Madala, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, no threats or promises having been made to me.

"I am 26 years of age and am presently residing with my husband, Charles Merea, Haddon Road, Toledo, Ohio. I have been married to Charles Merea since January 15, 1935.

"I have known Edith Barry since about January 1, 1934 when I obtained employment at her house of prostitution at 514 Anthony Street, Toledo, Ohio. I was employed there until April 1, 1935 when I went to Detroit, Michigan and worked for Florence Leaven on West Hancock Street. I returned to Toledo, Ohio on August 9, 1935 and resumed work

at the house of Edith Barry. I remained there until the middle of November 1935, at which time I discontinued the occupation I had been hitherto engaged in. I am presently employed at the Franklin Lane Laundry at 1012 Adams Street in the city of Toledo, Ohio.

"Some time during the late spring of 1934 while I was employed in Edith Barry's house I recall that three men called there in the late afternoon. They talked with Edith Barry and I was called downstairs with the two other girls who were also employed there. One of these girls was named Marie "Peaches" Butler, the other one was called Kay. I don't know her last name. She only worked for a few days, and then returned as I understand, to Detroit, Michigan. We had a couple of drinks with these three men, and from a group of photographs shown to me I can identify Charles J. Fitzgerald, who is known to me as "Dad"; Alvin Karpis who is known to me as "Sonny"; and William J. Harrison, who is known to me as Willie, and "Willie the Ape", as being the three men I saw that day. They stayed all that night. I had a date with Willie for said to pull me up for all night. I recall that "Dad" stayed with them with whom he stayed all night. He became quite interested and made me feel nervous and accused me of stealing \$10 of his money. Sonny also stayed overnight, but did not buy the services of any of the girls there. He slept late the following morning and they did not leave until two or three o'clock that afternoon. After these boys left Edith told me that she and "Dad" stayed up quite late the previous night speaking of old time mutual acquaintances. I was made to understand that this was the first time that she had met any of these individuals.

"About two or three weeks later "Dad" and Willie, accompanied by a short, dark complexioned, slenderly built young man, and the names of "Shorty" and Freddie sound familiar in regard to this man, visited Edith Barry's house. I had dates with this short man I have described and with Willie and I recall that "Dad" purchased the services of "Peaches." Willie and "Dad" remained over night, but the short fellow did not stay. From a group of photographs I have selected the photograph of Fred Barker, #2836, and can state that this man looks somewhat similar to the short man I have described, although I cannot positively identify this photograph. I recall that this man had the fingers of one hand maimed, and Willie told me that this man had burned his forearm.

On the following afternoon Willie and "Red" paid Edith Barry \$25.00 a piece for the services of "Teacher" and myself in accompanying these men to the Casino Club on Summit Street in Point Place, Ohio, where we drank for a couple of hours. I don't recall that Bert or Ted Angus was there that day. He returned to Edith's house about six in the evening.

Before we left that afternoon Willie mentioned that he had broken a date to play golf with Captain Timiney of the Toledo Police Department at nine o'clock that morning, because he was too intoxicated to get up at that time. I understood they were to play on the golf course located across from the Casino Club. "Sonny" and "Red" took part in this conversation.

Some time shortly after this date another man came to Edith Barry's house, and I stayed overnight with him for which I received \$20.00, half of which I paid to Edith Barry. This man was known to me as "Doc." I have identified the photograph of Mr. Joseph P. Moran as being the likeness of this man "Doc." I have likewise selected and identified the photograph of James J. Wilson as a young man known to me as Jimmy. "Doc" told me that he was an uncle of Jimmy. To my best recollection Jimmy was also in the party on the above-mentioned night when I first met the man I partially identified as being Fred Barker.

I saw "Doc" at least three occasions thereafter at Edith Barry's house. I recall that Edith Barry, "Doc", Frank "Greenie" Greenwald, who operates the Private Cab Company, and myself attended the Casino Club on the night of a grand reopening, celebrating the redecorating of the club. I think this was in May 1934. Jimmy was also at the club that night, but was not in our party, and I believe that both Ted and Bert Angus were there, but we did not speak with them. Detectives John McCarthy and Art Brown of the hoodlum squad were also sitting at a table, but Edith told me not to "rap" to them. That same night I had an argument with Charlie "Haystack", and was compelled to knock him out. "Doc" then told me to leave the club with "Greenie", while I did, returning to Edith Barry's house.

Edith told me around this period that had been paid \$25.00 for the bill which he had run up at Edith's house. The night shortly after she told me this, when "Doc" had already run up quite a large bill at Edith's place, she received a telephone call from someone at the Casino Club inquiring whether "Doc" was there. Edith in my presence told the party calling that

Doc was at her house and was quite intoxicated; that she believed that she could sober him up. After leaving the telephone Edith told me that the party calling had said that he would not be responsible for the bill that Doc had incurred that night. I recall that Doc had a fistful of dimes and continually played the song called, "The Last Roundup."

"One night Frank Greenwald called at Edith's place with two young men, both quite intoxicated, and Greenie came upstairs and told me not to recognize him in front of these two men. I don't know why he said this. I did not get a good look at one of the men who left shortly thereafter, and the other man was known to me as Buff or Buck. I have selected and identified the photograph of Harry Campbell as being identical with Buff, and this man is now known to me to be Harry Campbell. I entertained him that night before I left for home. I understood that later that night after I left, Edith obtained the services of a call girl named Ruth Parrison for Campbell, who stayed overnight.

"I recall that all of the men I have mentioned above who visited Edith Berry's house in the spring and summer of 1934 spent money freely, and bought drinks for the girls there and for Edith Berry. Edith told us that these men were gamblers from Cleveland, Ohio.

"Throughout the time that I was employed at Edith Berry's house, she invariably called one of Greenie's cabs for all of the business from her house. Greenie and Edith were quite friendly, and to my knowledge on at least one occasion they were sexually intimate with each other. From the conversation of the above-mentioned men who visited Edith's place in the summer of 1934, and from Edith's conversation, I understood that they and she were quite friendly with both Ted and Bert Angus.

"The last time I saw the man whom I have identified as being Dr. Joseph E. Moran, he was at Edith Berry's house and quite intoxicated, and he told me about a fishing trip he intended to take to a log cabin fishing camp up north. I do not know what happened to him, but I do know that he owed me \$80 and owed Edith \$90, which made her quite peeved. She called up Ted Angus and inquired of him who would take care of this bill. She afterwards told me that Ted Angus

had passed off her question jokingly remarking that Doc had gone on his last roundup. Thereafter whenever mention was made of "Doc" by Edith or the maid, Margaret, and subsequently by Karpis and Campbell, when they returned as will be mentioned hereafter, they would laugh about Doc and "the last roundup."

"I did not see Campbell, Karpis, or any of the men mentioned above thereafter during the fall of 1934.

"About one o'clock one morning during the month of January 1935, I was in my room on the second floor of Edith Berry's house when someone rang the front doorbell. I am almost positive that Margaret, the colored maid, answered the door and then called Edith. A few minutes later Edith came upstairs and arranged the front right bedroom window shades to cover up the windows. She was followed upstairs by two men whom I recognized at that time, and whom I already have identified as being Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. They were carrying a small shiny leather kit which looked similar to a physician's kit. Both of them looked haggard and were unshaven. I recall that they were not fully clothed for winter in that they did not wear coats or overcoats, nor were they wearing ties, and to my best recollection they did not have hats. After they entered this bedroom where Edith was, the door was shut and she remained with them for some time. I did not speak to them that night, but they bought drinks for the house including "beaches", with and myself, which were served by the maid, Margaret. When I got off of work at 4:00 A. M. I went home. I do not know who brought these men there that night.

"The next night when I reported for work at 7:00 A. M., Campbell and Karpis were still occupying the bedroom they occupied the previous night. That night Harry Campbell purchased my services, and neither Karpis, Campbell, nor Edith explained to me their reason for their presence in the house. They remained for approximately ten days, staying almost constantly in the room they were occupying, the door of which was kept locked when anyone was visiting the house. They ate all their meals at the house. Margaret, the maid, and myself would ordinarily take the meals upstairs and Edith would supervise the serving. On one occasion Walter Lambaley, the colored house man, gave Karpis a haircut in the kitchen, and I noticed afterwards the presence of the razor above the door of the kitchen. During the time these men were at the house I spent practically

all my time there, sitting and at times actually cooking meals for them, and spent each night with Harry Campbell, and with Edith spent the days trying to keep them amused. For my share I received approximately \$150.00, of which a portion represented 50% of the money he paid for my services (the other 50% going to Edith Barry), and in addition tips of as much as \$5.00 and \$10.00 which he occasionally gave me. To my knowledge Karpis did not purchase the services of a girl during this period, and I understood that he had a venereal disease.

"Also during this period I recall overhearing conversations at different times between Karpis, Edith and "Preacher" concerning mutual acquaintances. The name of "Charkey" was mentioned as a man residing in Cleveland, Ohio, and all three appeared to be acquainted with a man bearing this name. "Preacher" and Edith mentioned that some years previously they had visited in Cleveland and they knew a young man named "Charkey" and that this individual was acquainted with Ardell Ruian who ran a house of prostitution. The result of this conversation was that Edith, "Preacher", and Karpis concluded that they were all acquainted with the same man whom they referred to as "Charkey". I did not overhear all that was said during these conversations, but I do know that a day or two later during the afternoon a green Graham sedan, being a 4-door model and appearing to be new, pulled up in front of Edith's house. A man entered the house and was taken by Edith to the bedroom occupied by Karpis and Campbell. Edith called me into the room and I there saw Karpis, Campbell, Edith, and a third man. Edith asked me if I could drive the car which was parked outside, and when I stated I could, she then asked me if I would park "Charkey's" car, in again referring to it. I have selected a photograph of John F. "Charkey" Gorman, and I identify it as being a likeness of the man who was in the room with Edith, Karpis and Campbell on that day. Either Karpis or Campbell told me to park the car near the Jarvis Apartments on 14th Street. "Charkey" gave me the keys, and I parked the car as directed, after which I returned the keys to "Charkey" and told him exactly where I had parked his car. I recall that "Charkey" remained in the room for about an hour conversing with Karpis and Campbell, and he then left. He returned alone at night a day or two later. Shortly before this time "Preacher" had fallen on the ice and had broken her wrist, and I recall that "Charkey" remained overnight with "Preacher" on the above mentioned visit. I cannot recall seeing him leave the following day. On the occasion of this visit "Charkey" talked with Karpis and

Campbell in the front bedroom, and appeared to be especially friendly with Karpis. To my best recollection it was only a day or two later that Sharkey again visited Edith Barry's house, and on this occasion he was accompanied by a young man whose name I later learned was Freddie. I have selected and identified a photograph of Fred Hunter as being the likeness of the man known to me as Freddie. Sharkey and Freddie immediately went up to the front bedroom where they engaged in conversation with Karpis, Campbell, and Edith. Sharkey left that same night, and as I recall Freddie remained overnight with "Peaches." I do not remember seeing him leave the next day, but I do recall that somewhere between seven and nine P. M., an evening or two later Karpis and Campbell left Edith's place. I recall that upon leaving Edith and I said goodbye to them in the parlor downstairs while they were waiting for someone to call for them. While we were standing in this room, someone came to the front door and Edith answered the bell after pulling the portiers across the parlor entrance. For this reason I did not see this person, nor did I hear any conversation which might indicate who this person was. I know there was a car parked in front. They left almost immediately with this unknown person who had called for them. I recall that while they were waiting for this individual to call, Campbell and Karpis stated that they would return within 21 days, and Karpis was joking Edith about the possibility of her losing one of her girls when Campbell returned. He was referring to the close friendship between myself and Campbell, and the possibility of me going with him.

"During the period mentioned above when Karpis and Campbell were staying at Edith Barry's house, I recall that they both spoke of a person named Cooley, of expecting him to call at the house, of him actually visiting the house, and of my seeing him there with Karpis and Campbell, but I cannot remember the circumstances surrounding his visit, nor can I now recall what he looks like.

"Also during the above period frequent mention was made by Karpis, Campbell, and Edith of Uenie, who operated the Private Cab Company, and he called at the house on several occasions in response to telephone calls from Miss Barry, she having called at the requests of Karpis and Campbell who wanted to get in touch with Joe of the 42nd Street Cafe. I later learned from Edith Barry that Joe who operated the 42nd Street Cafe was the husband of Janey Broadway. I recall that Uenie

had difficulty in getting in touch with Joe, and he returned on several occasions stating that he had been unable to find Joe at the cafe. I do recall that on one occasion after Greenie was directed by Edith to get in touch with Joe, that this man called Miss Barry's house and visited with Karpis, Campbell, and Edith in the bedroom. I did not see him, but when Margaret, the maid, answered the door, Edith called from upstairs and Margaret told her that it was Joe, and Edith invited him by name to come to the second floor after she shut the door to my room. He remained in the bedroom with Karpis and Campbell from one half hour to an hour, and then left.

"I feel certain that on another occasion during the time Karpis and Campbell were staying at Edith's house during the above period, Joe Broadway whom I now know to be Joe Roscoe, visited the house, as upon returning there one night I saw his late model Buick coupe parked across the street from the house. I knew that he was in the house at that time, because Edith directed Margaret, the maid, to let Joe out when he was ready to leave. I cannot recall ever having seen this man, however.

More than 21 days elapsed after Karpis and Campbell left before we again saw them. Both Edith and I were worried about their safety. Some few days after the day of their expected arrival, and quite late in the evening, someone entered the house, they being let in by Edith. Shortly thereafter Edith called for me, and after I went into the kitchen I was surprised to find both Karpis and Campbell there. Both were grimy, unshaven and apparently were worn out. I do not know how they got to Edith's house, nor do I know where they came from. They purchased a few drinks, and both of them then retired for the night in the front bedroom. I am fairly certain that they remained only two or three days, and I cannot remember any visitors they had at the house at that time, nor can I recall the circumstances of their leaving the house. It seems to me that they might have left on this occasion without saying goodbye to me. This must have been some time around March 1, 1935.

About three weeks after they departed on this second occasion, Karpis and Campbell again returned to Edith's house in the evening. When they entered the house Campbell was quite intoxicated, and they mentioned they had an accident on the way in. Karpis was quite worried about it, inasmuch as Campbell had been driving while intoxicated, and I gathered

he had killed somebody while he was at the wheel, and that this was the second time Campbell had killed someone while driving, within a short period of time. They told me that the damaged car was parked outside, and inquired whether I knew a place to store it for the night. I told them I did, and at their suggestion I drove the car and placed it in the Lyman D. Arnold garage at 10th and Adams streets, Toledo. I recall that the car was most difficult to manage because the steering apparatus was damaged. I returned to the house and spent the night with Harry Campbell. Edith and Karpis talked for a long time in the front bedroom.

"On the following day Edith, Karpis, and Campbell were talking with me, and asked whether I knew a Ford agency where I could purchase a new car, trading in the damaged one, and where immediate delivery could be made on a new car. I suggested the Lyman D. Arnold Company, and at their direction went there and obtained an estimate value of the trade-in value of the damaged car, and the cost of a new Ford of the same type. The damaged car was a 1933 model Ford coupe, standard, black in color. They told me to be certain that the new car was black. I returned to the house and gave them the estimated cost of a new car.

"After dark that evening Campbell told me that he desired me to go with him to meet a friend who was registered at the Lorraine Hotel under the name of T. P. Evans. After leaving Edith's house we stopped at a pay station telephone where at Campbell's suggestion I called Mr. Evans at the Lorraine Hotel, and made an arrangement to meet him within a few minutes near the side entrance of the hotel, which we did. It was quite dark in that vicinity, and the three of us waited around the block. Campbell and this man walked together and talked in a low tone. I did not overhear their conversation, nor was I introduced to this man, and because of the darkness I did not get a good look at him. I recall that he was quite tall and slenderly built. Campbell and I returned to Edith's house where we spent the night. He told me at this time that I was to meet this man the following morning, and to go with him to purchase the new car; that this man would have the papers to the old car which was registered under the name of Charles Miller of Pearl Street, Cleveland, Ohio. I had upon instructions of Harry Campbell previously told the salesman at the Arnold agency that I had wrecked the old car which was to be traded in, and was waiting the return of my husband to obtain from him the papers to the car before I completed purchase of the new car.

"The following morning at the suggestion of Harry Campbell I called the Lorraine Hotel and spoke with the man known to me as Mr. Evans, and met him shortly thereafter in front of the hotel. I have selected from a group of photographs a photograph of John Brock, and identify it as being the likeness of the man known to me as T. F. Evans. He went to the Lyman D. Arnold Sales Agency, and purchased a new 1935 model Ford coupe, Evans having the papers to the damaged Ford coupe that was traded in. Evans paid the salesman \$400 cash which Harry Campbell gave me before I left the house. I drove him in the new car to Edith Barry's house. He went upstairs and went into the front bedroom where Karpis, Campbell, and Edith already were. I recall that he stayed there for two to three hours that afternoon, and I believe that Edith served lunch to the three men in the front bedroom. I do not recall seeing this man leave the house.

"About this period of time Edith Barry was particularly interested in the welfare of Karpis. She appeared to be infatuated with him, and spent practically all of her time in his company in trying to keep him satisfied. She prepared delicacies and special foods which he particularly liked, and regardless of what he desired she would provide it for him if she was able. To my best recollection a girl named Maxine obtained employment in Edith's house around this time. Karpis and Campbell were no longer as cautious as at first, and moved freely about the entire house, and practically took over the household. Around this time they began eating their meals in the kitchen with Edith and the other girls, including myself, but would dash upstairs to their room when anyone rang the doorbell. Edith turned away most of her customers, and as a result the money obtained from Karpis and Campbell was practically the entire income at Edith Barry's house.

"Campbell and I took a liking to each other, and he suggested that I go away with him which I agreed to do. When Edith learned of this she became enraged, stating that before she would let Campbell take me away she would have to tell Joe (Joe Roscoe) exactly who I was, indicating that Campbell would have to tell Joe what he intended to do with me, and would have to inform Joe that my husband had at one time testified against some members of the Licovelli gang. I gathered from what Edith said that she desired to first find out whether Joe (Joe Roscoe) would think it advisable for Campbell to take up with me before we left her house, and she said that Joe would be at the house that night, and they would talk it over with him. Campbell and myself were upstairs, and I was packing my things preparing to leave with him when someone

called at the front door. Shortly afterward Edith came upstairs and told Campbell to come downstairs as Joe was there. Campbell went downstairs and joined Joe, Karpis and Edith in the dining room where I could hear their voices in conversation, although I could not overhear what they said. Margaret, the maid, served them drinks. They remained downstairs talking for about an hour, and Joe accompanied by Karpis then left together. As I recall Karpis took with him a Gladstone bag. When Campbell came upstairs I asked him what Joe had said about my going with Campbell, and he told me that he forgot to ask Joe about it. A niece of Edith Barry was at the house that night, and remained upstairs when the discussion was had in the dining room. Later the same evening Edith and her niece, Rose, left my automobile for Chicago, Illinois. I don't know the reason for this trip being made by Edith. After Edith and her niece left, Campbell and myself and Varr net were the only ones left in the house, and Campbell and myself proceeded to become thoroughly intoxicated.

"Edith and her niece returned late the following day, and she stated that they had driven all that day and the previous night. This was around the first week of April 1935. A day or two after Karpis left, Campbell also left the house. Within a few days both Karpis and Campbell returned to Edith's place separately. They remained a day or two at this time, and then left together one morning, each carrying a suitcase. He also had what appeared to be a gun which was wrapped in wrapping paper. Neither Campbell nor Karpis told me where they were going, nor when they would be back, although I understood that I would see Campbell in about six weeks.

"During the above period before Karpis and Campbell left Edith Barry's house, they kept a Tommy submachine gun on the floor under the bed in their bedroom. I likewise at times heard metal sounds which I believed were sounds accompanying the cleaning of guns, and also smelled oil in the bathroom after hearing these sounds. During the time that Campbell was at the house he invariably carried under his belt a heavy revolver which he kept loaded. He never made any effort to conceal this gun when he was in the presence of Edith or any of the girls in the house.

"Also during this last period when Karpis and Campbell were staying at Edith's house I recall that "Sharky" called at the house late one night and remained a couple of hours, and I drove with him to Cherry Street to direct him how to get to

Cleveland on the route which passes over the high level bridge. I am likewise certain that Fred Hunter visited the house about this time, and remained over night with "Meaches." I recall a man whom I am certain was Fred Hunter came to the house in an old model two-door rickety Ford sedan which was parked on Canton Avenue near the county jail. When Karpis heard where the car was parked, he suggested that I go with this man whom I believe was Fred Hunter, and park the car near the Jarvis Apartments, which we did. I recall that Campbell was also in Edith's house that evening, and all three of the above mentioned men stayed overnight. Around this time Freddie must have made another visit to Edith's house, because I know that he went to bed with Maxine one night.

"I think that it was about the first week in April 1935, and while Karpis and Campbell were staying at Edith's house that Maxine, contrary to orders, went into Edith's room and took out a Detective Story Magazine which she read and put aside. I picked it up and read an article which contained on the first page a picture of an oil field and an outline of a well, this article relating the experiences of "The Barker" and of the crimes committed by her men, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, and other members of this gang. There were also photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, and Wynona Burdette, and mention was made that these men were wanted for kidnapping by the Government and also were wanted for other crimes. I recall likewise that under the photograph of Wynona Burdette, it was stated that she was the sweetheart of Harry Campbell and was presently serving a sentence in prison at Milan, Michigan. I did not say anything to anybody at that time about reading this article, and Maxine did not mention to me that she had read it. This was my first knowledge of the fact that "Sonny" and "Buff" were identical with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, although prior to this time due to the suspicious actions of these men and of Edith Barry, and those persons who made friendly calls upon Campbell and Karpis, it was evident to me that they were "hot."

"About this time I was having domestic trouble and had decided to obtain a divorce. Edith suggested that I go to Detroit, Michigan, and she telephoned Florence Newman at Detroit and obtained a job for me at the house of prostitution operated by this woman. Edith Barry was anxious for me to leave Toledo, because she did not want my husband to cause trouble at the house, or have him learn of the men visitors who had been staying there. A day or two later Edith, her niece, Max, and myself drove to Detroit, Michigan, in Maxine's car, and doing the driving. At Detroit the three of us had

lunch at the Hook-Cadillac hotel, and Edith called Florence Newman and later the three of us went out to her house which is located on East Hancock Street, Detroit. Edith introduced me to Florence Newman whereupon she and her niece left shortly afterwards.

"On the day that Karpis and Campbell left Edith Barry's house with their baggage, I found in my bedroom the photograph of Wynona Burdette which I had previously seen in the above described Detective Magazine. I didn't say anything about it at that time, but when Edith, Rose, and I went to Detroit I showed this photograph to Edith while we were eating lunch at the Hook-Cadillac Hotel, and she said, 'Now, you know why I didn't want you to get mixed up with Buff.' I gave this photograph to her at that time.

"On Easter Sunday, 1935, I arrived in Toledo, Ohio, around one or two in the morning, and went to Edith's house in one of Greenie's cabs. Edith was the only person there that night besides the maid, Margaret, and I dyed eggs and prepared several Easter baskets for friends of mine. Edith told me at this time that "Conny" was in the house asleep, but I did not see him. She obtained an old Easter basket from the attic, and she put ribbons on it, and decorated it with little candy bundles and colored Easter eggs for her "Conny." I intended to stay overnight at the house, but Edith suggested that I stay at a hotel. I left the house shortly afterwards, and returned to Detroit the following afternoon.

"Around the first part of June 1935, I received a letter at Detroit, Michigan from Edith in which she stated that she has not seen my friend, meaning Harry Campbell, but that she had something for me which she would keep until I returned to Toledo. Shortly thereafter I visited Edith Barry at her house. Alvin Karpis was there and the three of us sat in the kitchen and drank beer. At this time Edith gave me \$50.00 which she said Campbell had left with her for me, to help pay the cost of my divorce proceedings. Karpis and I drank considerable beer, and he asked me whether I desired to see Campbell, and I told him yes. He thereafter went upstairs, and shortly afterward about two hours later Campbell arrived there. Karpis and Campbell and myself drank beer until about ten o'clock, and we then went upstairs. Campbell did not appear to be as friendly with me as he usually was, and seemed to be ill at ease, and he stated he could not remain overnight but had to leave to meet some friends. Campbell left Edith's place about midnight, Karpis and Edith remained by themselves in the front bedroom. I remained overnight, and the following day returned to Detroit, Michigan.

On July 18, 1935 I received my final divorce papers, and about three weeks later I returned to work at Edith Barry's house in Toledo, Ohio. Karpis and Campbell were not there at that time. Edith told me at this time how hard a life she had been leading during the past four months, and in referring to Alvin Karpis stated that she had been cooped up in the house with him all that time. She also intimated that she had a tender feeling for him; that she felt he was just a boy, and in general felt sorry for him.

About two weeks after I arrived in Toledo, Edith Barry and I spent a week's vacation at Cedar Point near Sandusky, Ohio. When we got back to Toledo there was a letter addressed to her at the house which bore a Canadian postmark. The letter stated only, 'I am well and O. K.' and was signed 'Sonny.'

About the latter part of September 1935 Edith Barry made an airplane trip to Chicago. He did not tell me the purpose of her visiting Chicago, but some time previously she told me that she had gone to see a certain party in Chicago concerning something in behalf of Alvin Karpis, and that she was worried as to what this person's reaction was to what had been suggested by her at that time; that she wondered what he would do about it, and that this party would think of her in disclosing to him that she was involved with an individual of the type of Alvin Karpis. Edith remained away just one day on her trip to Chicago.

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"Shortly after Karpis came to Edith's house on this occasion I was in my room one night when two men called. I heard Edith address them as Joe and Ben. They talked with Karpis in the front bedroom for about an hour or so. Edith was in and out of the room at this time and was serving them drinks. When they left I did not see them go. Thereafter during the following days while Karpis was at Edith's place, he continually remained in the house. I recall that one day I saw a man who looked very much like the Mr. Evans who accompanied me when I purchased the Ford coupe at the Lyman D. Arnold, Inc., as I had previously narrated. I told Edith about this man approaching the house, and she answered the door and took him upstairs to the front bedroom where Karpis was. He stayed for only a short while and then left. I don't recall how Karpis left the house on the occasion of this visit to Miss Barry's.

"A few days after Karpis left an elderly man called at the house one evening and Edith talked privately with him for two or three hours in her bedroom. She then introduced him to me as Ben, and thereafter I had a party with him at Edith's suggestion. I have been shown a photograph of Benjamin Davis, and I identify it as being the man above referred to as Ben. On the above occasion Ben left shortly after I had a date with him. Edith told me after Ben had gone that this man had just gotten out of the 'stir', meaning penitentiary; that he was practically penniless; that he had left all of his belongings with some woman before going to the penitentiary, and since his release had been unable to locate them; that she had told him that he should have left the clothes with her, and she would have taken good care of them. Thereafter Ben called at the house about three more times during the ensuing two weeks. He was always alone on these occasions and generally spoke privately with Edith Barry. On one of these occasions I entertained him in my bedroom.

"Around this same period at Edith's suggestion we went to the 4th Street Cafe, being driven by Greenie in a private cab on at least two occasions that I recall. The man known to me as Ben was at these times in the 4th Street Cafe, and Edith talked confidentially with him. On at least one of these trips Greenie entered the place with us, and joined Ben, Edith, and myself in a drink. Joe Evans was not at the 4th Street Cafe either time I was there.

About this same time Edith Barry left the house one evening and stated that she expected that Freddie, referring to Fred Hunter, and another man would call at the house; that Freddie's companion had a number of gold teeth in the front, was half Indian, and was supposed to be wealthy having an interest in oil wells. That same night about nine o'clock, and after Edith had left Fred Hunter and a middle-aged man of the same general description Edith had given me, called at Edith Barry's house. Edith returned later that same evening, and she talked with them in the front bedroom that Karpis occupied when he was at the house. Both of these men remained overnight, but to my knowledge did not purchase the services of any girls. I prepared breakfast for these two men, Edith, and myself the following morning. They left shortly thereafter, and I did not see them again.

By this time there was no business at Edith Barry's house, probably due to her running away her regular customers while Karpis and the above mentioned persons were residing there. About the middle of November 1935, I gave up my job at Edith Barry's house, and have not returned since that time, nor have I spoken with her. I am no longer engaged in the practice of prostitution, and have since remarried my former husband, Charles Moran.

I recall that on one occasion after I returned to Edith Barry's house from Detroit, Michigan in the summer of 1935, and when it had been some time since Alvin Karpis had visited there, Edith Barry complained in referring to Karpis and Campbell, that they did not appreciate what she had done for them; that she had provided them a place to stay at a time when nobody else would have them; that she had closed down her business and turned her customers away, and had put herself out in a number of ways for them; that they had told her of a place where they had stayed where they had to pay a large amount of money in advance for shelter because they were so "hot"; that at this place they got little to eat and were always hungry, and she here mentioned to me how she had purchased good food and had cooked for them. As I have previously mentioned Frank "Greenie" Greenwald who operates the Private Cab Company was always called first when taxi cab service was needed from Edith's house. Whenever Karpis or Campbell or any of their acquaintances I have previously mentioned needed taxi cab service or someone to perform errands, they always had "Greenie" personally perform these services. I recall that on one occasion Edith mentioned to me that "Greenie" had mentioned what he could have done for them for what he done for them.

"I have read the foregoing statement which consists of 13 typewritten pages, and each correction noted by me bears my initials L. M., and after reading this statement I swear that the same is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection."

WITNESSES:
John L. Madala
D. P. Sullivan,
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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio."

/s/ LILLIAN WEREA

The original signed statement of Lillian Werea, alias Lou Foole, is being retained in the files of the Cleveland Bureau Office.

In addition to the information set out in her signed statement Lou Foole informed that some time prior to 1930 she and her husband, Charles Werea, were engaged in the bootlegging business; that they operated three plants for manufacturing beer which they sold in wholesale lots; that at that time her husband was considered a "big shot" bootlegger in Toledo; that during the latter part of 1929 and the years of 1930 and 1931 they were compelled to pay off Ted Angus for protection; that she personally delivered this protection money each month to Ted Angus; that at first it amounted to \$100 a month, but later it was raised to a sum of \$500 a month, and this money was supposed to take care of both the state and Federal prohibition men. Lou Foole further stated that the arrangements for the paying of this protection money were made by her husband, Charles Werea, and that after the Liebowitz gang came to Toledo, she and her husband were compelled to give this gang one half of their profits from manufacturing beer, in addition to the \$500 monthly payments made to Ted Angus.

In speaking of Edith Barry, Lou Foole stated that prominent business and professional men and men of influence visited her house of prostitution; that she understood from the chauffeur, teacher, and other men that Edith's house for only \$100 a month was a place of business; that Edith never had to pay protection money, and other

neighbors of houses wondered how she was able to operate without paying. She further stated that Edith's friend, Joe Thompson, is a politician, and she understood from conversations which she overheard at Edith Barry's house that Thompson had considerable political influence in the state of Ohio. As an example of Edith Barry's strong influence in the city of Toledo, Lou Toodle mentioned that on two separate occasions police officers on that beat attempted to gain entrance to Edith Barry's house for the purpose of conducting an investigation to locate fugitives. Edith Barry strenuously objected to a police officer entering her house, and thereafter on both occasions got in touch with someone who had both of these officers transferred from that beat.

Concerning the niece of Edith Barry, who was named Rose, and who is mentioned in the written statement of William Karam, Lou stated it is her understanding that this girl is married to one of the boys in the Thompson family, the name of which she cannot recall.

Lou stated further that Walter Labuley, a negro who lives in the house next door to Edith Barry's house, and which house is also owned by Edith, was employed as a houseman by Edith Barry throughout the time that Karpis and Campbell and other members of the gang visited Edith Barry's house; that Walter's duties consisted of taking care of the furnace in the winter time, of mowing the lawn and cleaning up the yard, and of giving the premises a thorough cleaning each week; that he also ran any errands which Edith desired; that during the time that Karpis and Campbell stayed at Edith's place their shirts and surplus clothing were kept at Walter's house next door; that she is certain that Walter knew that Karpis and Campbell were staying with Edith, and undoubtedly knew who they actually were. Lou advised that on one occasion when there were strangers present in the downstairs portion of the house, Karpis and Campbell were confined to their room, and Walter took their meals out the back door of Edith's house and climbed up on the roof of the house he occupied next door, and delivered these meals to Karpis and Campbell through a window in the roof occupied by them, from the roof of his house.

Concerning the maid, Margaret, Lou stated that this woman worked each day from 7:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M.; that she generally answered the front door bell and admitted visitors to the house; that she generally served drinks to persons at

the house, and on numerous occasions served drinks to Karpis and Campbell while they were staying there; that, as mentioned in the statement of Lillian Keras, Margaret ordinarily took the meals of Karpis and Campbell to them in the front bedroom on the second floor which they occupied; that after it became evident that Edith Barry was infatuated with Karpis, Lou Poole, Harry Campbell and Margaret frequently kidded about Edith's exaggerated care for Karpis' welfare and comfort while he lived at the house. Continuing, Lou advised that Edith Barry delivered to Margaret the laundry of Karpis and Campbell, and Margaret would have these things laundered at her house.

Lou Poole further advised that Edith Barry was very particular in hiding the fact that Karpis and Campbell were residing at her house; that she would become very angry when "Georgette" would be away from the house for two or three days on a drunk; that she attempted to keep "Georgette", Lou, and Maxine at the house at all times during the period Karpis and Campbell were staying there. She stated that when she, Lou, stayed away from the house for two or three days at a time, Edith would call Lou's home three or four times a day, and would tell Lou all of Lou's friends and acquaintances in an effort to locate her, and to induce her to return to the house; that whenever Karpis and Campbell left the house Edith would wipe all of the woodwork, furniture, and other articles, with a rag to obliterate any fingerprints they may have left; that Edith always read detective magazines, and after Karpis and Campbell came to stay at the house, Edith kept these magazines in her room, and forbade the inmates to read them; that Edith also had Walter purchase various out-of-town newspapers for Karpis and Campbell which Edith delivered to them; that she never permitted the girls in the house to read newspapers during the time Karpis and Campbell were there.

Lou was asked whether she recalled

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Further information was obtained from Lou Poole that late in the summer of 1935 Edith Barry had not heard from Karpis or Campbell for some time; that during this period Edith was quite nervous and on one occasion while she was speaking of what she had done for Karpis and Campbell, and while she was mentioning that they were ungrateful for what she had done, Edith stated that these men had a bottle in the bedroom they occupied, which, if it had exploded, would have blown up the house; that she, Lou, did not see this bottle and Edith made no further reference to it.

Lou further advised Agents that about two weeks after Edith had obtained a job for her as a prostitute at the house of Florence Newman in Detroit, Michigan, in April 1935, Edith Barry visited Florence Newman. At that time Edith told Lou that she wanted to get rid of Maxine because she was quite sloppy in her personal habits; that she had suggested to Maxine, who apparently was dissatisfied with her work at Edith's place, that she get a job elsewhere, indicating that the change would do her good; that Edith suggested the place of Florence Newman in Detroit, and that Edith had come to Detroit for the purpose of learning whether Florence would give Maxine a job in her house; that Florence had told Edith that she had no need for a steady girl but would be glad to use Maxine part time.

Lou stated that shortly thereafter Maxine arrived in Detroit, Michigan, by bus and went to work at Florence Newman's house of prostitution; that she conversed with Maxine on several occasions and Maxine told her that Karpis and Campbell had been at Edith's house since Lou left Toledo on April 5, 1935; that Maxine related that she had also read the detective magazine which contained photographs of Karpis and Campbell during the time that she was employed at Miss Barry's house. Maxine further told Lou that on the occasion when Karpis and Campbell returned to Edith Barry's house after Lou left, Edith had called in a girl with whom Campbell spent the night. Lou stated that Maxine remained at Florence Newman's house for about two weeks and that during this time Maxine bought numerous detective magazines and would point out to Lou various articles containing stories of the escapades of Karpis and Campbell and other members of that gang. Lou Poole stated that to her knowledge Fred Hunter was the only member of the gang whom Maxine ever had a date with during the time she was at Edith Barry's house. This incident is mentioned in Lou's signed statement.

In referring to the prostitute, "Peaches", Lou Poole stated that this girl had been employed at Edith Barry's house for a long time prior to Lou's going to work there in January 1934; that after Charkey had stayed overnight with "Peaches" in the latter part of January 1935, "Peaches" mentioned to her that she was dissatisfied at that time and for this reason was compelled to have protected sexual intercourse with Charkey; that "Peaches" said that she wanted to do this, because she had known Charkey since he was knee high. Lou here mentioned that she recalled that "Peaches" went to bed with Fred Hunter on one occasion during the

letter part of March 1935, as has been mentioned in Lou's signed statement; that after "Peaches" left Edith Barry's house, the latter wrote "Peaches" a letter and told her to have a medical examination because one of the gang with whom she had sexual intercourse was afflicted with a venereal disease. In this connection reference is made to the question and answer statement of John Brock which is set out in the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 20, 1936, in which Brock states that during the latter part of March 1935, he stayed overnight with "Peaches" at Edith Barry's house. Lou Poole could not recall that Brock ever stayed overnight there, nor could she remember whether he ever had a date with "Peaches" or any of the girls. It is to be noted that John Brock has an aggravated case of syphilis, and it is probable that Edith Barry was making reference to Brock when she suggested to "Peaches" in her letter that she undergo a medical examination.

In the above mentioned statement of John Brock he states that after he and Karpis drove from Cleveland to Toledo, Ohio, in the old two-door Ford sedan of Fred Hunter, he, Brock, parked his car near the Federal Building, and thereafter at the suggestion of Karpis, he and the prostitute known to him as Lou, moved the car and parked it near the Jarvis Apartments. When questioned concerning this incident Lou Poole stated that she recalls moving this automobile from the City Hall to the Jarvis Apartments, but is positive that Fred Hunter was with her at this time and not John Brock.

A photograph of James "Tip" O'Neil was shown to Lou Poole and she identified it as being a likeness of a man whom she knew as an old sweetheart of Edith Barry; that in the late summer or fall of 1935 he visited Edith Barry's house and when Edith informed him that Karpis and Campbell had stayed at her house prior thereto, he remarked to Edith, "You ought to have your _____ kicked" for doing such a thing. She stated that after this visit O'Neil made frequent long distance telephone calls to Edith Barry; that "Tip" O'Neil is a good friend of Ardell Quinn from Cleveland.

Lou Poole was questioned whether she was acquainted with or ever heard the names of Art Hebebrand, Jimmy Patton, Tony Amersbach, "Foot" Talbot, a private detective who was supposed to provide Karpis and Campbell with confidential information, and of the name of the Harvard Club, but she was unable to provide any information in this respect. She stated

that Edith and "Teaches" had mentioned that Sharkey was a hard working boy, but she never heard where he was employed, nor could she associate him with any gambling place in Cleveland, Ohio. She further stated that she never knew the connections of or the location of Karpis and Campbell when they were not at Edith Barry's house.

When questioned concerning the period in the latter part of January 1935, when Karpis and Campbell first stayed at Edith Barry's house, Lou Poole mentioned that during this time Karpis and Campbell spent practically all of their time in the second floor front bedroom; that from conversations she overheard between Karpis, Campbell, and Edith Barry she gathered that these men were attempting to make connections with some person whom they could trust; that they and Edith discussed various persons with whom they were mutually acquainted; that it was at this time that Sharkey's name was first mentioned, and it appeared to her that they agreed on Sharkey as a man whom they could trust and who would be of service to them. She stated that she believes it was about the time that these conversations were held, that she first heard the name of Coolie mentioned, and it was around this time that Coolie visited Edith Barry's house. In speaking of Coolie, Lou mentioned that her recollection of this man is somewhat hazy; that she is certain she saw him at Edith's house, but she cannot recall the circumstances surrounding his visit, nor can she now recall what Coolie looked like. Lou stated that if she is shown a photograph of Coolie, she might be able to identify it.

With further reference to Sharkey, Lou advised that he appeared at the house shortly after Karpis, Campbell, and Edith Barry discussed him; that he appeared to be well acquainted with Edith Barry and Alvin Karpis, but Harry Campbell did not appear to know Sharkey very well at this time. Lou was unable to explain how word was sent to Sharkey to come to Edith's place on the above occasion.

In speaking of Joe Roscoe, Lou Poole stated that she never saw this individual; that for a long while he was known to her only by the name of Joe; that, as mentioned in her written statement, he called at Edith Barry's house on several occasions; that thereafter when she and Edith Barry visited the 41nd Street Cafe, Edith told her that Joe was the husband of Grace Broadway with whom she was acquainted; that thereafter she always referred to him as Joe Broadway. She stated that from the conversation of

Edith Barry, she knew that the Joe who visited Edith Barry's house was identical with the Joe Broadway who operated the 42nd Street Cafe; that she was acquainted with various members of the Broadway family and knew them as old time Toledo hoodlums; that Edith Barry told her of Ganey Broadway visiting Edith's house prior to the time that Lou worked there, for the purpose of locating her husband, Joe, and at such times Ganey would be "heeled", that is, carrying a gun and would be accompanied by a bodyguard; that she gathered from the conversation of Edith Barry that Joe was considered the "boss", and that he would have to be consulted before any contemplated action was taken, and as example, Lou here mentioned the occasion in the early part of April 1935, when Edith Barry insisted that Joe first be consulted before Lou would be permitted to go away with Harry Campbell. Lou stated that apparently Joe Roscoe disapproved of this affair, because thereafter Campbell was not inclined to speak of Lou's going away with him, because he had, no doubt, given up the idea.

At various times during January and the latter part of March 1935, when Karpis and Campbell were living at Edith's house, Campbell tried to get in touch with Joe Roscoe for Karpis and Campbell, and he frequently was unable to contact him and would return to the house and tell the boys that Joe was not at the 42nd Street Cafe, or at his home, or that Roscoe was ill with some sort of rash, or that he was on the island (Middle Island).

Continuing, Lou stated that on the occasion when Joe and Ben, whom she identified as being Benson Groves, came to Edith Barry's house in the fall of 1935, she is certain that Joe was Joe Roscoe, and that Ben was Benson Groves, although she did not see either of these two men at that time. When asked how she knew this, Lou stated that this Joe always was received at Edith Barry's house in the same manner; that he was taken by Edith Barry to the front bedroom occupied by Karpis and Campbell when other visitors would not be permitted upstairs; that Joe engaged Karpis and Campbell in conversation, and Edith Barry appeared quite friendly with him; that she thereafter knew that this man, Joe, was identical with Joe Roscoe when Edith Barry told her that he was the husband of Ganey Broadway. Lou stated that she is certain that Benson Groves was the Ben, who accompanied Joe Roscoe on the above occasion for the reason that she and Edith later contacted this individual at the 42nd Street Cafe, on two separate occasions, and also for the reason that he was the same man whom she entertained at Edith's house thereafter, as is mentioned in her signed statement. Lou advised that during

her entire experience with Benson Groves, he at no time mentioned his connection with Joe Roscoe, Alvin Karpis, or Harry Campbell; that he was very close-mouthed and would seldom talk about himself. Lou could be of no assistance in determining his present location.

Lou claimed not to be personally acquainted with Captain George Timiney and Sheriff Jim O'Keilly, and has no information which might indicate that these officers ever availed themselves of the prostitutes at Edith Barry's house. She also denied that she ever heard that Karpis and Campbell and members of their gang were able to remain in Toledo on account of corruption within the Toledo Police Department. She stated that the only time she ever heard Captain Timiney's name mentioned by any of the boys, was when Willie Harrison remarked that he had broken a golf club point with Timiney, on the occasion mentioned in her signed statement. Lou averred that she never heard Edith Barry or anyone else mention that Campbell was in association with Sheriff O'Keilly during the latter part of 1935 and forepart of 1936, and she has no information that would indicate that the Sheriff knew Campbell's true identity.

In conclusion Lou stated that she at one time caught Edith Barry in a compromising position with Alvin Karpis, and it is her impression that the relationship between these two was considerably more than just a business proposition.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. B. Hill at Toledo, Ohio, October 17, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, October 3, 1936, wherein on page 51, it is indicated that Jerry Messiker, alias Jerry Jordan, was then residing at 615 West 13th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. It has been indicated in previous reports that Jerry Messiker was infatuated with Jimmie Wilson in the summer of 1934, while she was an entertainer at the Little Casino Club.

In answer to a request of the Cleveland office, the Kansas City office advised that Miss Messiker was unknown at the above-mentioned address in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. Messiker, sister-in-law of Jerry Messiker, 2039 Jordan Avenue, Toledo, was again contacted for the purpose of ascertaining the true address of Jerry. Mrs. Messiker stated she had just received a letter from Jerry, and Jerry at the present time is residing at the Drake Hotel, 9th and Vine Streets, Cincinnati, Ohio, where she is entertaining at the Four-Four Club; that she did not know just how long Jerry will be in Cincinnati, but believes it will be for just a short time, in view of the fact that Jerry stated in her letter she was going to Dayton, Ohio, soon, where she would stay for only a short time, then proceed to Detroit, Michigan, where she intended staying for some time. Mrs. Messiker stated she does not know what Jerry's address will be in Dayton, Ohio, or Detroit, Michigan.

In view of the fact that it could not be ascertained just how long Jerry Messiker would be in Cincinnati, or her future address, the Cleveland office was furnished telephonically the address of Jerry Messiker in order that the Cincinnati office might be requested to interview her immediately.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 10, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. J. Synn, dated June 18, 1936, at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein it is noted on page 41, the contents of a signed statement procured from Esther Goulet. With the assumption that Esther Goulet would be able to furnish further information of value, with reference to this matter, she was requested to appear at 515 Edison Building, the temporary offices, for reinterview.

Upon interview she stated essentially the same information as was given in her first interview, and continued to deny that she knew of Campbell's true identity. However, on this occasion she informed that shortly before the marriage of Campbell and Bertie Billster, she had occasion to visit the McGraw rooming house, where she met Campbell for the first time. She informed that Clara McGraw, Bertie and Campbell were present, and Clara McGraw introduced Campbell to her as Bob Brown, her cousin. On the evening of May 29, 1935, Clara McGraw, Bertie, and Campbell visited Goulet's Grill, she informed, at which time Campbell was introduced to Fred Goulet as Bob Miller. Esther Goulet explained that she discussed this discrepancy with Bertie, who informed her that the night before her marriage, she had found Campbell's driver's license with the name of Charles Miller thereon, and Campbell told her that this was his true name. Esther stated that after considering this fact, she now believes that Clara McGraw was endeavoring to hide something, but had no proof of it.

She further related that the evening prior to instant interview, Fred and Catherine Goulet had been drinking in Lamb's Grill at 2015 Adams Street, and Ed McGraw entered the place and an argument ensued between them. Ed McGraw left immediately and returned with one of his roomers, and a fight followed in which Ed McGraw broke a chair over Mrs. Goulet's head, resulting in a scalp wound which required four stitches. Fred Goulet subsequently knocked McGraw's roomer unconscious, but the fight was stopped by Len Lamb, who refused to call the police, despite Mrs. Goulet's insistence.

Esther Goulet characterized Ed McGraw as a "rat" and a "louse", and informed that she was only sorry that she didn't possess damaging evidence against McGraw. She informed that the bitter feeling between the McGraws and the Goulets arose from Goulets remarking that McGraw was a stool pigeon, and had fingered John McDonald, Mrs. Goulet's brother, recently released from the penitentiary, and now the night

bartender at Coulet's Grill. Esther informed that McGraw had caused McDonald's arrest some years ago. She further stated that McGraw is extremely worried about the talk that he is going to "do time", and apparently is not in his right mind.

Esther informed further that Gertie told her that Campbell always carried an automatic pistol, which he advised was to safeguard the diamond rings that he and Gertie wore. She stated that on one occasion this pistol had fallen out of Campbell's pocket, and that she had also seen him wear it in the back of his belt, without a holster, whenever he took his coat off.

She informed that she recently mentioned this incident to Sheriff James O'Reilly, who rebuked her for not reporting it at the time to him, as he would have determined why Campbell was carrying a gun, and as a result would have earned the respect of the entire country by determining Campbell's true identity.

She mentioned, incidentally, that O'Reilly had requested her to tell him everything that could possibly be of assistance to this investigation in order that he could present this information to the Bureau, so he could thereby restore his good name, and prove he was innocent of any wrongdoing in this matter. She stated that she could furnish O'Reilly no information that she had not given this Bureau, however, she swore that O'Reilly was an innocent victim of circumstances.

When questioned as to those places which Campbell and Gertie frequented, Esther informed that they occasionally visited the McGraws, the Granada Gardens, Coulet's Grill, and were never known to her to have gone elsewhere, other than on one occasion to the Dugout, operated by Tom Norland, when she was not present. She further advised that Gertie informed her that Campbell had an argument with a customer and Norland took his admission card from Campbell, and they did not visit the place thereafter.

She further related that Gertie had asked to be taken to the New Casino Club operated by Bert and Ted Angus, but that Campbell informed her that he had visited the place shortly prior to their marriage, and that as a result of a fight had by Campbell with a patron, Bert Angus requested that he not patronize the place.

With reference to McGraws, Esther informed that she had visited the place on numerous occasions and that she saw Mrs. Thol-

Rudy, who resides above the Gaiety Grill on 15th and Monroe Street, at the place on those occasions. He informed that Mrs. Rudy usually met some personal friend there, whom Esther did not know, but she recalled that both Campbell and Coker had been present when Mrs. Rudy was there. She further related that Ed McGraw had asked her to have dates at his place, which request she refused, and that she was well aware of the character of the house.

Esther further related that Campbell frequently spoke of a "Sonny" whose identity she was not aware of. She further advised that Gertie informed her that she had been introduced to "Sonny" at McGraw's, by Campbell, but that Gertie did not care to have Campbell associate with "Sonny" as he was a surly fellow, and continuously ribbed Campbell about being such a sap as to get married. Esther insisted that she had never met Sonny, and was not aware that he was Alvin Karpis.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, on October 21, 1936:

Reference is made to reports of Special Agent H. C. Burnam, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, July 3, 1936, page 22, and July 24, 1936, page 7, and Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, October 17, 1936, page 36. In view of the information obtained from the interview with Lynone Burdette and Charles J. Fitzgerald, set out in the above mentioned reports, it was deemed advisable to again interview Elwood Yonkers. He was located at the Beauville Cafe, 843 Summit Street, and he accompanied Agents to the temporary offices in the Edison Building, where he was interviewed and the following signed statement obtained, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Cleveland office:

Toledo, Ohio,
October 21, 1936.

"I, Elwood Yonkers, make the following free and voluntary statement to H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, whom I know as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. This statement is made by me without any threats or promises of any kind.

My name is Elwood Yonkers, and I have also used the name of Al Woods. I am now living at 2015 Georgetown Street, Toledo, Ohio.

"In addition to the statement I made to Special Agents H. B. Dill and E. J. Lynn at Toledo in June 1936, I wish to state the following:

"While I was living in Ted Angus' house upstairs at 4209 Lockwood Street, Toledo, prior to May 1934, a man whom I know as Willie Harrison, whom I had met in Calumet City, Ill., thru Bert Angus in about 1927, came to 4209 Lockwood Street and visited with me several times, and only on one occasion Willie Harrison cooked some spaghetti. This was during cold weather and I believe in early part of 1934. Ted Angus came upstairs and got a plate of the spaghetti. About a month or so after this occurred, Ted Angus made a trip to Florida and came back to Toledo about some time in May 1934. Lynone Burdette or Harry Campbell never visited at 4209 Lockwood Street, my house, while I was at home.

"Some time in May 1934, about the time I was getting ready to move from 4209 Lockwood to 2110 Washington Street, a man whom I had met some time in about 1920 and whom I

Big Charley, came to 4809 Lockwood Street with a woman called Belle, whom Big Charley stated was his wife. At this time Big Charley told me his name was Murphy. I have since learned his true name is Charles J. Fitzgerald. The next day after Big Charley and Belle came to 4809 Lockwood Street, I moved over to 2110 Washington Avenue, and they came over there and Belle stayed a couple of days and left, but I do not know where she went. Big Charley stayed with me at 2110 Washington Street about a month or six weeks. Later on after I had moved to 2525 Georgetown Avenue, in fall of 1934, Big Charley came to my house and stayed with me about two months. At this time Big Charley was alone, and during the day when I was working Big Charley would be at the house alone. I have been shown a photograph of a person whom I am told is that of Fred Barker. Fred Barker has never visited Big Charley at my home on Georgetown Avenue while I was at home.

"I do not have any recollection of ever calling the Casino Club for Big Charley Fitzgerald from my home or any other place, and asking for 'the boys', and I never saw Ted Angus pick up Big Charley Fitzgerald at my home on Georgetown Avenue. I do recall that while I was living on Washington Avenue in the summer of 1934, that Ted Angus drove up early one evening and picked up Charley. I do not recall seeing anyone with Ted Angus.

"It could have been possible for Wynona Burdette, Harry Campbell or any others of the Barker-Karpis gang to have visited Big Charley Fitzgerald at my house while I was not home from 9 A. M. to about 10 P. M., and I would not have known about it, although there was no indications around the house that persons had visited there.

"I have been shown photographs of persons I am told are members of the Barker-Karpis gang, which are the same photographs I have been shown on one other occasion, and the only photographs of persons I recognize are those of Charles J. Fitzgerald and Willie Harrison. I cannot identify any of the others as persons I have met at any time. I have also been shown a photograph of a person whom I recognize as being that of Ted Angus.

"I have read the above statement, consisting of this and one other page, and same is true and correct according to best of my recollection.

/s/ ELWOOD YONKINS

WITNESSES:

E. S. Hill and J. V. Murphy,
Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice, 1443 Standard Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio."

Yonkers was emphatic in his denial that Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell had ever been to his house while he was at home, or that he ever knew either of them. He was also emphatic in his statement that Fred Barker never visited Charles J. Fitzgerald at his, Yonkers', house while he was at home, and Yonkers stated that if any of the above parties stated that they had visited at his house and were acquainted with him they are not telling the truth.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents M. J. Morrison and A. Mickelson on October 15 and 16, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated October 17, 1936, at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein it will be noted that Esther Julert informed that Frances Selander was the present housekeeper for Joe Roscoe.

Frances Selander was interviewed at her home on October 15, 1936, at which time she advised that she is 23 years of age, and resides with her mother at the above address. She informed that she has been employed steadily for the past year at the Roscoe home at 3204 River Road, Toledo, Ohio, and that prior to that time was employed only during the summer months at the Roscoe home. She informed that she works until 8:00 P. M. each night at the Roscoe home, and on Saturday nights is a relief waitress at the 42nd Street Cafe, for all of which services she receives \$7.00 per week. During the winter months, she lived at the Roscoe home, but now comes to her mother's home each evening.

She advised that the Roscoes were extremely suspicious of everyone's actions, never allowing her to bring friends to the home, and permitted very few visitors themselves. She advised that Mrs. Tillie Broadway, Ganey Roscoe's mother, also resides at that place, and that they never converse freely in her presence. At this point of interview, Frances Selander was questioned regarding the identity of Tillie Broadway. She stated that Jack Broadway's wife was named Tillie Broadway, and at times she was called Tillie Broadway. She also stated that the old Casino Club located at Joint Place, Toledo, Ohio, was recorded in the name of Tillie Broadway, as the owner of the property, which is now known as the Little Club, operated by Charlie Haymaker.

She was shown photographs of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, but informed that none of them bore the likenesses of persons she had seen at Roscoe's or any other place.

She further informed that she had never heard the Roscoes discuss the activities of the Barker-Karpis gang, or any other criminals. She stated that Joe Roscoe rarely spoke to her, although Ganey Roscoe was friendly to her. Neither of them ever discussed their personal affairs with her, however, she related that she had always believed that Roscoe was in some way other than gambling.

although she had nothing to prove this, other than the manner in which he conducted himself, and his apparent refusal to have friends at the house. She further stated that while cleaning the house, she had seen two automatic pistols, owned by Roscoe, one of which was always hidden behind books in a bookcase.

She informed that she occasionally read the newspapers to Mrs. Roscoe although she is able to both read and write. She further related that Joe Roscoe ordered the Toledo Times, Blade, and News-Bee, yet she rarely read crime news to Mrs. Roscoe. Miss Delandier also advised that Joe Roscoe purchased the True Detective Magazine each week at the news stands, but that she had never read the magazine to Geney, nor had they ever discussed its contents.

Miss Delandier further advised that Captain George Timiney had visited the Roscoe home on three or four occasions, and that Detective Art Langendorf was a more frequent visitor at the home of Roscoe, but as they always entered a side room, she never overheard their conversations.

On October 20, 1936, Frances Delandier was again interviewed at which time she advised that she had not returned to the Roscoe home, after her previous interview with her, partly because of poor health, and for the further reason that she did not care for her employers. At that time she stated that she would be willing to cooperate, but was in possession of no information of value to this investigation.

Interview was also had with Lulu Delandier, mother of Francis, who advised that she is employed as a relief cook at the 42nd Street Cafe, every Monday night. She informed that she has been so employed since the Broadways had opened the place. She informed further that she was unable to recognize the photographs of any of the Barker-Karpis gang which were exhibited to her, as being patrons of the 42nd Street Cafe, nor had she ever heard any discussion relative to these persons at that place.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. J. Norstrom and M. Weinstein on October 16, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. G. Suran dated August 22, 1936 at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein it will be noted that Myrtle Bender, 1915 Madison Street, who advised that Bertha, a madam, who resided above the E. & B. Battery Company, 2135 Monroe Street, had informed her that Harry Campbell had established Babe, a prostitute who worked for Bertha, in business.

Inquiry at 2135 Monroe Street revealed that Bertha's full name is Mrs. Bertha Isenberg, but that she had moved about October 1, 1936, from that address. Inquiry at the Toledo Post Office indicated that Mrs. Isenberg had moved to 1234 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio.

She was located at the latter address, where she is now employed as a housekeeper for Mrs. Clarkie, who runs a house of prostitution at that address. She informed that Babe's true name is Mrs. Nedie Hansen; that she had been married to and separated from L. W. Hansen, a truck driver at Detroit, Michigan. She informed that Babe has one son by a previous marriage, Larry Junior White, who attends the public schools at Cincinnati, Ohio, and lives with Babe's mother, Mrs. Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio.

She further related that Babe had been a call girl and boarded at her home until several months ago, but had left after a disagreement, and she had not heard of, or seen her since.

She informed that Babe would not be likely to enter in an established house of prostitution, as she always preferred to keep her own earnings. However, she had heard recently that Babe had been seen in the Circle Cafe, on Dorr Street, by a waitress named Eva, who was employed there, and she was also a very good friend of one Jerry Burke, a prostitute well known about Toledo. Previous investigations developed that Jerry Burke formerly operated the call house now operated by Mrs. Clarkie at 1234 Monroe Street, and Jerry left Toledo several months ago for California, exact location not known.

Mrs. Isenberg was questioned as to Babe's association with Campbell, and she stated that she was positive that Babe had never met Campbell, although she had lived across the street from Goulet's Grill. As to the allegation that Babe was set up in business by Campbell, she informed that Babe was residing with her at the time of Campbell's apprehension, and that there was no truth to this statement. In view of the statement of Mrs. Isenberg no further effort will be made to locate and interview Babe.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 17, 1936:

Eather Goulet, when reinterviewed on October 18, 1936, as set out in report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, October 17, 1936, advised that Mrs. Thelma Rudy frequently visited McGraw's rooming house at 2011 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo.

Agents located Mrs. Rudy at 112 Fifteenth Street, Toledo, Ohio, where she was interviewed. She informed that she is 42 years of age, married, and living with her husband, George Rudy. She operates a rooming house at the above address. She further advised that she has known Ed and Clara McGraw for the past year, although she insisted that she could not recall under what circumstances they had met.

When shown a photograph of Harry Campbell she informed that she had been introduced to him, as well as Bertie Miller, as Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller, by Clara McGraw, who informed her that Bob Miller was her cousin, and was engaged in the contracting business. She related that she saw the Millers at McGraw's on several occasions, but Clara McGraw never discussed Miller's activities or associations with her. She informed that she accepted the fact that the McGraws and the Millers were related and thus never commented on their background.

She also stated that she had heard Clara McGraw talk of "Tommy" but had never met him, or knew nothing about him. She further advised that she was unable to identify photographs of Karpis, Sam Coker, and other members of this gang as persons bearing likenesses of anyone she had met at McGraws. She informed that the only persons she had met at McGraws, whose name she could recall, was Eleanor, Mrs. McGraw's sister, who is employed at the Gypsy Band Box in Toledo.

Mrs. Rudy was also questioned as to the names of any call girls that she may have seen at the McGraw's, but she informed that although she knew that the place had a reputation of being a call house, she in fact had never seen a call girl at the house, nor was she ever present to observe the McGraws call a girl to the place.

It should be noted that Mrs. Rudy formerly operated a call house at her present address in 1934, but has not been engaged in that "calling" for the past two years. She informed that she is afflicted with tuberculosis, and appeared to be in very poor health.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 19, 1936:

It will be noted that Gust Warkke, formerly employed as a cook at Middle Island, advised that "Tex", a present employee of Joe Roscoe at Middle Island, had returned to Toledo. Discreet inquiry at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, revealed that "Tex's" surname is Williams, and that he occasionally frequented the Courtesy Club at 513 1/2 Jefferson Street, Toledo, operated by Joe Roscoe and Ed Warkke.

Telephonic communication was had with Williams at the Courtesy Club, and he was later brought to the temporary offices, 513 Edison Building, for interview.

He informed that his true name is Lester B. Williams, single, and although a native of Houston, Texas, he has resided in Toledo, Ohio, since 1921. He further advised that he is 41 years of age, and resides at 1626 Superior Street, Toledo, Ohio, at the home of Mr. Bickert.

He advised that he was employed by Walter Belpash, the present manager of Middle Island, and worked at that place from August 5, 1935 to October 1, 1935, and again from June 17, 1936, to October 10, 1936.

Prior to this employment he informed that he had worked for all the leading hotels in Toledo as a chef, as well as for Jack Kennedy at the Blackhawk Cafe, shortly prior to Kennedy's death. He further advised that he was employed by Jimmy Hayes, at the Villa, as well as by Ed Warkke at the Jovial Club, all of Toledo, Ohio, as a chef, for short periods of time.

He informed that prior to his employment at Middle Island he had never met Joe Roscoe, and after being employed at the Island he met Roscoe but had very little to do with him, Walter Belpash being in charge of the Island, and having all relations with the employees, as far as the business goes.

When shown photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, he informed that none of them bore any likeness of persons he had previously met or known. He stated that he was positive that none of these persons had visited the Island while he was employed there, nor had he ever seen or heard of them while at the various clubs mentioned.

He further informed that Walter Belpash, Coolie Monroe, Charlie Sweet, and Buster, last name unknown, are still at Middle Island, which is not expected to close for several weeks.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on October 19, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy dated October 10, 1936, Cleveland, Ohio, wherein it is noted that William Wilson Kirick, a former driver for the Private Cab Company, Toledo, Ohio, informed that he was present at Johnny Thomas' Market Business Men's Club with Edith Barry, Sam Coker, Frank Greenwald, Anne Pierce and a woman known to him as Marion. A review of the membership roll of the club indicated that Marion Powell, 501 Guardian Building, Toledo, Ohio, was a member and frequented the club.

In the belief that Marion Powell was possibly the Marion mentioned by Kirick, she was located and interviewed at 501 Guardian Building, where she operates the Marion Powell Letter Service.

She informed that she was not married, and resides with her mother at 1841 North Ave Boulevard. For the past year, she related, she has been patronizing Thomas' Market Business Men's Club, in that she did not need an escort to enter the place, and she desired the privacy that the place afforded. She further related that she has never been to any other night clubs in Toledo, all her activities being limited to that of Thomas', which place she patronizes about once or twice a week.

When shown photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, she selected those of Wynona Burdette, Willie Harrison, Harry Campbell, and "Doc" Barker as those who appeared familiar to her, but whom she could not associate with any definite time or place.

Neither could she state that she had seen any of these individuals at Thomas', informing that it was quite possible that she had seen them about the streets of Toledo, as she informed that she had never visited the Casino Club, Edith Barry's, Coulet's Grill, or any other places where these persons are known to have been.

When shown a photograph of Sam Coker she stated positively that she had never seen this individual before. She further stated that she had never made it a practice to join in drinking with any other persons at Thomas', nor had anyone ever bought a drink for her at that place. She related that she knew Edith Barry, and her profession, but had never drunk with her, nor, although she had seen

her at Thomas' on numerous occasions, she could recall seeing her in the company of men on two occasions at Thomas', but these men were well known to her as business men of Toledo, whose identities she refused to reveal because of the embarrassment it would cause them, if it were known that they were associating with Edith Barry at Thomas'.

She further stated that Frank Greenfeld was known to her, but that she had never seen him in company with a woman, nor had she ever drunk with him at Johnny Thomas'.

She further stated that although the majority of Thomas' patrons were known to her as business men of Toledo, yet a number of the patrons were strangers to her, and that for business reasons she never drank with or associated with anyone unknown to her personally.

The following investigation was conducted by special agents E. J. Bonstrom and A. Lickstein on October 10, 1936:

Johnny Thomas, when interviewed, as set out in report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 17, 1936, advised that Charles Wieber, presently employed at Ludwig's Cafe, 512 Jefferson Street, had at one time been a bartender at the Market Business Men's Club.

Wieber was interviewed at his home, 2019 Jefferson Street, Toledo, apartment #4, at which time he advised that he is 24 years of age, married and has two children.

He informed that he was employed by Thomas from January 1934, to May 1935, as bartender of the above-mentioned club, but that the club license expired in May 1935, and when he found that it would take a month to renew it, he immediately obtained employment at Ludwig's Cafe, where he has been employed continuously since that time. He further stated that the liquor license of the club was taken out in his name, for the reason that Thomas made him president of the club when it first opened, although he had no financial interest in the club.

He further advised that none of the photographs exhibited to him of the Barker-Karpis gang appeared familiar to him as the likeness of patrons of the club when he was employed there. He informed that all the customers were not known to him, however, although they were all known to Johnny Thomas, and when persons who were members brought friends, their identity was made known to Thomas.

In general, Wieber was unable to furnish any information of any value to this investigation.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. B. Hill and J. L. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, and Bowling Green, Ohio, on October 17 and 22, 1936, inclusive:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 13, 1936, and letter from the Cincinnati office to the Cleveland office dated October 14, 1936. In an interview had with Clyde Kochet, Huxton Falls, Ohio, as set out in the above-mentioned report of Special Agent McKee, Kochet identified the photograph of Benson Groves, aliases Benjamin Grayson, Ben Grayson, "Soup" Groves, Burns Crosby, George Wilson, as the photograph of a man known to him as "Sam", who participated in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery on November 7, 1935.

With regard to the George Wilsons who have automobiles registered in their name in and around Toledo, Ohio, as set out in above-mentioned reference letter, Agents checked the 1936 Toledo city directory, and same lists George A. Wilson 4105 Herrick Street, as being an engineer of the Toledo Newsboys Building; that George F. Wilson, 425 Winthrop Street is superintendent of the Toledo City Hospital, and George Wilson, 954 Perry Street is a mechanic at the Toledo Machine & Tool Company. With reference to the George D. Wilson, Route #2, Bowling Green, Ohio, investigation conducted at the Bowling Green post office developed that George D. Wilson residing on Route #2 is an elderly man and is now and has been operating a blacksmith shop near his residence for a number of years.

Agents proceeded to the blacksmith shop of George D. Wilson, Route #2, Bowling Green, Ohio, where it was ascertained from observation that this Mr. Wilson was not identical with Benson Groves. Mr. Wilson stated he has always resided in his present location and operated a blacksmith shop there for the past forty years.

[redacted] was contacted on October 17, 1936, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not he knew Benson Groves, and if so, where he might now be located. [redacted] stated he does not personally know Benson Groves, after viewing the photograph of Groves, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, #33605, but stated he would endeavor to ascertain his present whereabouts.

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Several days after first contacting [redacted] he reported to Agents that on contacting "Nickel Plate" Whitey, who operates the Honey Dew Inn, 717 Summit Street, Toledo, and inquiring as to whether or not he knew Benson Groves and his present whereabouts, Whitey informed him [redacted] that he knew Benson Groves, who is also known as "Soup" Groves, and "Soup" Groves is said to be staying with "Red Nose" Charley Webb at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo, and they frequent the Turf Bar, the Buckeye Club, and the Sports Center Club. [redacted] was requested to obtain more definite information as to Groves' whereabouts and his associates.

Agents on several occasions visited the Algeo Hotel, the Turf Bar, the Buckeye Club and the Sports Center Club to observe persons therein with view in mind of locating Benson Groves. On these occasions Agents did not observe any one who answered the description of Benson Groves. These places will be kept under surveillance from time to time with view of locating Benson Groves.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent H. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, August 28, 1936, wherein on page fifty-two, Harry Wells, a former bartender at the 42nd Street Cafe, stated that a man known to him as "Sam" hung around the 42nd Street Cafe while he, Wells, was working there prior to July or August 1935.

The photograph of Benson Groves was exhibited to Harry Wells, at the Black Bar, 2541 Cherry Street, where he is now employed, and Wells immediately identified this photograph as that of the man known to him as "Sam", above mentioned. Wells stated that the last time he saw this man was in the fall of 1935, when, while driving toward town on Jefferson Avenue, he saw this person walking on Jefferson Avenue near 14th Street, going in the direction of downtown. Wells stated he often wondered about this man "Sam", in view of the fact he often sat in the front corner of the 42nd Street Cafe, and did not associate with anyone, except Jack Broadway, who operates that cafe.

It will be noted on page twenty-two of the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, October 7, 1936, that Kenneth Murphy's Francis mentions answering a call at Murphy's rooming house, while driving a cab for the Private Cab Company, shortly after Christmas, 1935, at which time he saw persons whom he identified as [redacted] Baker, Elvin Karpis, and [redacted]

man whose description is somewhat similar to that of Benson Groves, alias "Sam." Effort was made to locate Kenneth Francis at his residence, 616 Plymouth Street, where it was learned that he moved from that address about October 2nd, and upon inquiry at the Toledo sub-station post office, it was ascertained that Francis has not filed a forwarding address. It was ascertained at the Private Cab Company that Kenneth Francis is no longer in the employ of that company; that he usually hangs around the cab stand at the New Secor Hotel. Inquiry around the New Secor Hotel failed to develop any information as to Francis' whereabouts. Further efforts will be made to locate Francis for the purpose of exhibiting to him the photograph of Benson Groves to ascertain if he can identify same as the third man mentioned by him in his statement, mentioned above.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Hill and J. V. Murphy at Toledo, Ohio, October 19 and 21, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. J. Moran, Cleveland, Ohio, September 5, 1936, wherein on page 82, is set out an interview with Clint Knudel, police officer, Toledo Police Department, in which he states that Police Officer Lawson told him on one occasion that two summers ago Lawson received a radio call to proceed to the Casino Club upon complaint of a disturbance there; that when he, Lawson, arrived at the Casino Club he saw so many hoodlums there that he, Lawson, stated to him, Knudel, that it was not even safe for an officer to be there; that there was a deputy sheriff in the Casino Club when Lawson entered.

Through discreet inquiry, it was ascertained that a man by the name of Orlando M. Lawson is a member of the Toledo Police Department, and he resides at 1801 Hausman Street, and is at present time working from 11 P. M. to 7 A. M. Mr. Lawson was located and interviewed at his residence on October 19, 1936. He stated that he has been a member of the Toledo Police Department about ten years, and since the first part of 1934 has been working as a partner of Officer Frank Mahr; that from January to March 1934, he and Mahr were working as a relief crew one night each week around the area of May View Park; that they were both in uniform in scout car service; that one night during the period when working as a relief crew in that particular section he received a radio message to go to the Casino Club on "united" street

to quell a disturbance; that on arriving at the Casino Club, he and his partner, Frank Mahr, went into the Casino Club and were met by Bert Angus, who stated, "Everything is all right now, boys." He stated that in view of the fact that he was told by Bert Angus that the disturbance had been quieted, he and his partner left the Casino Club without making any investigation.

When questioned as to whom he saw in the club on this occasion, Lawson stated there were a number of people in the place, and most of them were strangers to him. When questioned as to the ones there he knew, he stated he knew Bert Angus, but was unable to recall who the others were he had seen there.

Lawson stated he was the driver of the scout car and his partner Frank Mahr, was the back seat man; that in view of this fact, Mahr did all the talking on calls made by them, and no doubt Mahr would know more about this matter than he.

Lawson stated that he had been to the Casino Club on only one other occasion, which was about a year and a half ago, and at this time Charles Sawyer was the proprietor and the place was called the Little Club, as the old Casino Club had moved to a new location on Park Street, and their place there is called the New Casino Club.

When questioned as to whether or not he ever made a statement to Police Officer Clint Knudal to the effect that it was not safe for an officer to be in the Casino Club, Lawson stated he might have made such a statement in view of his opinion of the Casino Club, but he has no independent recollection of making such a statement.

He was questioned as to the identity of the deputy sheriff, whom Knudal stated he, Lawson, mentioned was in the Casino Club when they went there in answer to the radio call. He stated, however, that he does not recall having seen a deputy sheriff at the Casino Club on this occasion.

On October 22, 1936, Police Officer Frank Mahr was interviewed at his home, 4312 Belmar Street, Toledo. He gave, in effect, the same information furnished by Officer C. M. Lawson, set out above. He further stated that there were quite a number of people in the Casino Club on this occasion, and they were all well dressed and did not have the appearance of hoodlums; that he did not know the identity of any of these people. He stated he

know Ted and Bert Angus by sight, but he did not see them in the Casino Club on this occasion, although they may have been there as the place was crowded. Mahr stated he does not recall the date on which they answered the call, but it was during the early months of 1934, and this was the only official call he has ever made at the Casino Club, and he has never visited that club on other than official business.

It will be noted above that Officer Lawson stated that his partner, Frank Mahr, would no doubt be able to furnish more detailed information with reference to this matter, in view of the fact that Mahr did all the talking because Mahr had been in the Toledo Police Department since 1921. Upon being informed in this regard, Mahr stated that he did not do the talking on this occasion, but officials of the Casino Club did their talking to Lawson.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 6, 1936, wherein on page twenty-one, is set out the Toledo Police report with reference to accident involving Jimmy Wilson on May 10, 1934, at which time he gave his name as George Wilson and his address as 4209 North Lockwood, the accident occurring at intersection of LaGrange and Huron Streets, Toledo.

Police Officer Frank Mahr stated that during April or May 1934, while he and his partner, Lawson, were acting as relief scout car crew, they received a radio call to go to LaGrange and Huron Streets to investigate an accident; that this locality was not in their territory, but was in the territory of scout car manned by Officers Archie Best and Lewey Slusser; that the scout car driven by Best and Slusser was reported out of duty at the time he and Lawson received the radio call; that on arriving at the scene of the accident, they noticed that the scout car driven by Officers Best and Slusser had already arrived at the place of the accident, and he and Lawson, therefore, made no investigation concerning the accident as they were busy clearing traffic to allow the fire department trucks to get through. Mahr stated that as soon as it was learned that the fire alarm was false, due to the automobile accident having broken off a fire box, which sent in the alarm, he and his partner, Lawson, informed Officer Best they would report themselves back in service and allow Best and his partner to handle the accident investigation. He stated that for this reason he has no knowledge of the cause of the accident, who was involved, or the outcome of the investigation.

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Mrs. E. J. Wagner, manager of the Gordon Square Hotel, 65th Street and Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed by Special Agent S. H. McKee and the hotel register for the month of March 1935, was secured for examination for the registration of John Brock under the alias of T. F. Evans. It is to be stated that the hotel maintains a looseleaf registration book. The registration in question was located and it appears as follows: T. F. Evans, Toledo, O., assigned to room 15, arrived March 26, departed April 2, 1935. The register page was obtained for future use as evidence and a receipt was given to Mrs. Wagner. Mrs. Wagner could not tell from the register what employee had been on duty when this individual registered, however, she believed the employee to be Carl Kleber, night man, who has been employed by the hotel for the past three years. He was not available for interview while Agent was at the hotel.

Mrs. Wagner later telephoned Agent and advised that she had talked with Kleber and displayed register sheets around the period in question to him and he had stated that the entries involved herein were made by him.

The register sheet containing Brock's registration is being made a part of the Cleveland office file.

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The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Toledo, Ohio, will continue investigation. No leads are being set out herein, inasmuch as leads are being assigned in memorandum form.

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 21, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

ME: BREK ID

Reference is made to the letter from this office, dated May 10, 1936, enclosing a memorandum prepared by Special Agents E. J. Wynn, C. E. Smith and J. L. Madala, relative to vice conditions and police corruption existing in this district. The following facts, supplementing the above, are furnished for your information concerning conditions existing in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, and suburbs:

The information given below was obtained through the investigation being conducted relative to the harboring case wherein telephone taps on the telephones of Nate Weisenberg, slot-machine racketeer, and Ardell Quinn, notorious madam, provided excellent sources for these facts, and also interviews with various members of the Police Department and employees of the Harvard Club, which Club is located in Newburgh Heights, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, and the recent activities of Public Safety Director Eliot Ness, that have been obtained through the press, tend to corroborate the circumstances already known to the Bureau.

With reference to the report of Special Agent R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr., dated June 24, 1936, at Omaha, Nebraska, wherein an interview is recited with Mrs. Gladys Sawyer relative to her arrest, along with Paula Harmon and Wynona Burdette, on September 5, 1934, at Cleveland, Ohio. In this interview Mrs. Sawyer stated that during her incarceration in the City Jail on this occasion, some policewoman or matron made a proposition to her that for \$500.00 she would release these three women from jail; that this proposition was prefaced by an inquiry as to whether or not she was acquainted with Shimmy Patton. As a result of this interview, all of the policewomen and matrons that were employed during 1934 have been interviewed and also an extensive investigation has been conducted at the Police Department relative to this incident and also the fact

that a telephone call was placed, allegedly, thru the Police Department, to the Harvard Club after the arrest of these women, which resulted in the notification of the subjects in this case and their subsequent flight from Cleveland, thus avoiding apprehension at this time.

In an interview with Mildred H. Wilcox, policewoman, she stated that she has been employed as a policewoman for the past six years and that prior to this time she worked as a detective for the Folger Detective Agency, the Sterling & Welch Company, and the Higbee Company, but that since she has been in the Cleveland Police Department she has done less detective work than ever before. She continued by stating that the Woman's Bureau of this Police Department, at the present time, is merely a clearing house for relief agencies that were too lazy and inefficient to do their own work. Mrs. Wilcox stated that it was common knowledge that Superintendent Hazel Witt, of the Woman's Bureau, is a sexual pervert, as were several other policewomen; that it is also common knowledge, in the Police Department, that policewoman Mary Fletcher and policewoman Smith, who is colored, are "sweethearts" and on one occasion the police made a raid on the Heat Wave, a night club for both white and colored people, and both Miss Fletcher and Miss Smith were at this club with colored escorts. She stated that, as a result of finding these policewomen in this club, the raid was not consummated as the police could not arrest some of the people and allow Miss Fletcher and Miss Smith and their colored escorts to leave unmolested. She stated that the escort of Miss Fletcher was a well known negro hoodlum.

According to Mrs. Wilcox, and several other women in the Women's Bureau, Molly Bartelheim, matron, is known to assist inmates in securing attorneys and will either call for them or on occasions will allow them to call for attorneys and bondsmen.

It should be noted here that during the interview with Gladys Sawyer, she also stated that on the morning following her arrest, an attorney, who was later ascertained to be Edward Stanton, former county prosecuting attorney, contacted her at the City Jail and stated that he had been sent there at the request of Shimmy Patton to "do what he could for these women". It should also be stated here that during the interview with Mildred H. Wilcox,

police woman, she stated that Stanton was at the Jail and in conference with these women on the night of the same day of the arrest, however, Stanton stated on interview that on the morning following the arrest of the women, when he came to his office, he received a note stating that he should go to the City Jail and that this call was taken for him on the night previous by an unknown party; that shortly after he arrived at his office, he received an anonymous telephone call from some woman reiterating the same request. He absolutely denies that he was at the Jail on the night in question. This is shown as it has heretofore been reported that Molly Bartelheim booked these women and is in the habit of calling out for inmates for counsel, which is strictly against the rules of the Jail and the Police Department. It is thought that this attorney was called by Bartelheim and only tends to show existing practices in the Women's Bureau of this Police Department.

Another situation which may or may not be coincidental, is the fact that during the investigation by Special Agent C. E. Smith at the Police Department relative to the arrest of these three women, the book recording the arrests from March 1934 to October 1934, in which was recorded the arrests of persons who were arrested during the period in question, could not be found until subsequent contact with Chief of Police Matowitz resulted in assigning Sergeant Bartunek, jailor, to search for this missing book. The search resulted in finding this book in the Women's Bureau under a telephone stand, however, a perusal of this book disclosed that there was no information contained therein that was not known to this Bureau. This is shown merely to show a careless and unsystematic practice in this Women's Bureau.

In an interview with Walter Walker, Police Officer No. 1059, who is at present assigned to the office of the Director of Public Safety Eliot Ness, he informed Agents S. K. McKee and C. E. Smith of further information relative to the unofficial conduct on the part of Molly Bartelheim, matron. He also reiterated the information supplied by Mildred H. Wilcox, police woman, to the effect that this matron allows prisoners to call out from the Jail for an attorney or a bondsman and also calls for them. He also stated that on occasions when he has arrested certain prostitutes in the City, that on the way to the Jail they would inquire as to whether or not Molly Bartelheim was on duty, inferring that they would be allowed certain privileges by Bartelheim that they would not receive from the other matrons.

When Walker was questioned as to whom the Mayfield Road Mob, a gang of racketeers that rule the slot-machine and policy racket in Cleveland, paid graft or protection, he stated that he could not be positive of this but that he did know that Captain Nash of the Garfield Heights Police Department used to meet Johnnie DeMarco regularly at a candy store just across the city line and in Garfield Heights. He stated that DeMarco is one of the principal figures in the above mentioned mob.

With respect to the vice and gambling situation in Cleveland, Walker stated that although he does not know of any payments by operators of houses of prostitution to police officers, he realizes that such places could not operate as openly as they do without some sort of "pay-off". He related that in 1933 and 1934, he was assigned to the vice, liquor and gambling squad; that this was during the regime of the late Mayor Harry L. Davis. He stated that while on duty with this squad none of his superior officers ever said anything relative to leaving the houses of prostitution alone, but that no action was ever taken with respect to these places as there was, more or less, a "grape-vine" understanding that these places should not be molested. He also stated that it is his understanding that there are several so-called high class houses of prostitution in the city which operate through virtue of political connections, probably through contributions to campaign funds. He stated that there is a notorious house of prostitution now operating at 2000 Superior Ave., which is about two blocks from the Police Station, and is being run by Clara Thomas; that the building in which this place is operated is owned by Edwin D. Barry, former Director of Public Safety, and who is now running for Sheriff of Cuyahoga County; that the son of the present Sheriff, John Sulzmann, is known to hang out at this place.

As an example of the integrity of police officers to function in certain instances because of political corruption, Walker cited an example that occurred in 1934, when he accompanied Captain John Wolf on a raid on a gambling establishment, known as the Argonne Club, at 722 Superior Ave. He stated that he and Captain Wolf entered the place and he immediately seized some racing forms; that the proprietor, a man known as Zimmer, asked Captain Wolf what he meant by coming into his place and that Wolf informed him that he intended to raid same. Zimmer then asked Wolf if he was interested in holding his job. Walker stated that Wolf paled, ordered him, Walker, to return the racing forms and

that they then left the place without taking any action as to the gambling business which was being operated at this establishment.

Upon being asked relative to whether or not Lieutenant Barney Wolf was a "straight" police officer, Walker cited an incident that, while not committing himself in this regard, intimated that Wolf was not straight and stated that he had seen Wolf with an unusually large roll of bills that undoubtedly was in excess of his salary as a lieutenant.

Walker stated that on the night of January 10, 1936, when Director Ness conducted the raid on the Harvard Club in Newberg Heights, that Ness went to the Sheriff's Office and asked for assistance but that he was told that the local authorities of Newberg Heights had made no complaint and that due to this fact no aid could be offered. He also stated that he is of the opinion that the Harvard Club operates under paid protection to the Mayor and Marshal of Newberg Heights, stating that this fact is corroborated by the fact that the Mayor receives a salary of \$600.00 per year and is apparently in no other business from which he would derive any other income, yet he resides in a nice home and takes trips to Florida in the winter.

The above is substantiated by the results of an interview had with Frank Ptak, City Marshal, by Inspector E. J. Connelley and Special Agent S. K. McKee. Ptak denied at this interview that he had any knowledge of the existence of the Harvard Club or any similar gambling establishment in his jurisdiction. This is without doubt a falsity due to the fact that such is known to the majority of the citizens in the vicinity of Cleveland, and the Harvard Club and the address of same has been publicized in the Cleveland newspapers on numerous occasions. He also stated that he had never heard of Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton or "Toots" Talbot, but said he may have heard the name of Shorty Conway. Conway is presently "fronting" at the Harvard Club for Hebebrand and Patton, along with Talbot.

In connection with the possible payment of graft in gambling, Walker stated that Councilmen DeMaiores and Finkle are closely connected with the Mayfield Road Mob, and no doubt, receive graft from this outfit. He also stated that, in his opinion, the policy racket could not be operated in the negro section of this City unless Councilmen Payne and Bundy, colored, had their fingers in the pay-off in some way.

Walker stated that in addition to Police Captains M. J. Harwood and Louis J. Cadek, who have recently been suspended,

and convicted, respectively, for receiving graft, that Captains John Wolf, Thomas G. Duffy, Emmett J. Potts, John Fleming, Lieutenant John Geman and Deputy Inspector Edwin Burns were at that time under investigation by Director Ness and that in the very near future, charges would be placed against Wolf and Burns. This was later done as will be shown later in this letter.

In an interview with Dorothy Taylor, prostitute and former madame, who at the time of the interview was working at a house operated by Alice Redd, alias Alice Knapp, a colored madame, at 1268 Scovill Ave. Dorothy Taylor stated that during 1932, she was operating a house of prostitution and that during the time that she operated this house, she actually paid off, in money, graft to the following police officers:

Captain Burns
Sergeant McWilliams
Captain Cadek
Detectives Watts and Dietrick

As has been stated above, Cadek has been discharged and Captain Burns is under investigation by Director Ness.

In the numerous interviews held with the present and former employees of the Harvard Club, Newberg Heights, Ohio, information has been supplied that there is probably a "pay-off" in this place although no definite information has been developed that will make this assumption positive, however, some circumstances are hereafter related that tend to corroborate this fact.

In the interview with George Arnold Talbot, alias "Toots" Talbot, one of the managers of the Harvard Club, Talbot stated, in answers to inquiries as to this alleged pay-off, that he knew that a "fix" existed in Newberg Heights and stated that this fix was with the Mayor and the City Marshal, but he claimed not to know any of the details of this pay-off. He also stated that there was an arrangement made with the Sheriff and his Chief Deputy Albers but he does not know the details. He stated that whenever any trouble arises, he either calls Art Hebebrand or Shimmy Patton and either of these men handle the situation.

On September 2, 1936, there appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, an editorial which substantiates the above information relative to the local officers in the village of Newberg Heights, Ohio. This is a short editorial that bears a very strong insinuation that the Harvard Club is operating in Newberg Heights

to the knowledge of the Mayor and City Marshal. This editorial states that some woman went to the Mayor, Jerry Sticha, and complained that her husband was at that time in the Harvard Club and had lost several hundred dollars; that she requested that the town officials do something towards the cessation of this gambling establishment. Continuing, it relates how, regardless of the insistence and persuasion of this woman, the Mayor informed her that he could do nothing as Frank Ptak, the City Marshal, could not be located. This entire article intimated that the mayor and marshal were being paid off and therefore ignored the complaint of this complainant.

The statement of Talbot relative to the Sheriff's office being "fixed" is, of course, substantiated by their refusal to assist Director Ness in his raid on January 10, 1936.

With reference to the Mayfield Road Gang, which has heretofore been mentioned, it has been ascertained that Nate Weisenberg, one of the present owners of the Mayfair Casino Night Club, is "fronting" for this gang in their slot machine activities. From Walter Walker, policeman who has been mentioned before, it was ascertained that at one time the slot-machine racket was controlled by Nate Weisenberg and Al Joyner; that about three years ago, the Mayfield Road Mob "muscle in" on this racket. He stated that Weisenberg quietly acquiesced but that Joyner refused to listen to the proposition and shortly thereafter his body was found in a quicklime grave. This is mentioned to show the set-up relative to Nate Weisenberg and the significance of the following information.

During the period that this office maintained a telephone tap on the residence telephone of Weisenberg, it was ascertained that Nate Weisenberg is assisted in his racket by Pony Boy Weinzimmer, another well known racketeer; that on one occasion, Mrs. Weinzimmer called Mrs. Weisenberg and related a story relative to an automobile containing four men that had been to her home making inquiries concerning the whereabouts of her husband; that she was anxious over the welfare of her husband as she suspected these men of being gangsters. She gave Mrs. Weisenberg the license number of their automobile with the request that Mrs. Weisenberg contact "Tony" and ascertain the owner thereof. She also requested that she endeavor to have "Tony" obtain a pistol for her husband for his protection. Subsequent

to this conversation, Mrs. Weisenberg called Tony Page, an officer on the Cleveland Police force and relayed the above to him. He appeared to be very cooperative and willing to be of assistance to these racketeers in obtaining the gun and ascertaining the listing on the above mentioned license number. Page resides at 14026 Castalia Avenue.

Nate Weisenberg was also allegedly contacted by former Inspector of Detectives Cornelius Cody, who is at present in charge of the safety division of the Cleveland Trust Company. Subsequent to the time that Special Agent R. T. Noonan of this office made inquiries at the Cleveland Trust Company relative to Weisenberg, Cody telephoned the Weisenberg residence and asked for Nate, stating that he had some information for him. Cody was in the Cleveland Police Department for a long number of years prior to October or November of 1935.

During a considerable period of time, a telephone tap was maintained by this office on the telephone of Ardell Quinn, notorious madame of a house of prostitution located at 1916 East 84th Street in this city. During this period numerous telephone calls were received by the Quinn woman from police officers and due to their potential importance, these calls are being quoted verbatim as reflected in the telephone tap log:

"On August 17, 1936, Ardell Quinn called from her residence to Fairmount 6296, which is the telephone number of the residence of Emmett J. Potts, 2114 Lamberton Road. Potts is the superintendent of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Cleveland Police Department. The following is the above call verbatim:

"At 7:48 P.M. Ardell called Fairmount 6296.

Man's voice	Yeah
Ardell	How are you? You know that party we were talking to the other night?
Man	Yeah
Ardell	Tell him to watch out. They got something on him. That big-shot down town is watching him very close.
Man	Alright, I'll tell him. Goodbye.

"On August 19, 1936, Ardell called the 11th Precinct and talked to Sergeant Walton Fife, at which time the following conversation ensued:
At 9:45 A. M. Ardell called Precinct number 11:

Ardell	Let me speak to Sergeant Fife.
Fife	Hello
Ardell	Hello Sergeant. This is your Cousin.

Fife WHO?
Ardell Your Cousin
Rife Oh, Dizzy?
Ardell No, your cousin, COUSIN.
Rife Oh, yes.
Ardell Say, I'm sorry that I was not at home last night.
Fife Well, that's alright.
Ardell I won't be in town this morning, but why don't
you come out and bring Dolly Bishop with you?
Rife Bishop is fixing to leave the office and can't come.
Ardell Well, you come on out anyway.
Rife Right away?
Ardell Yeah.
Rife OK.

"On September 9, 1936, Ardell made the following call:
At 4:30 P. M., Ardell called MAIn 1234 and asked for Captain Aufmuth.
Aufmuth Hello.
Ardell Hello, this is your cousin. Can you come over
tonight?
Aufmuth yes, I can come over tonight. Be over tonight
cousin.

"On September 11, 1936, some man, evidently a police officer,
called Ardell and told her to lay low and to lay off for a while
as the police are getting tough; that Savage (probably Captain
John E. Savage) was out and gave him her name and stated that she
was on the list for next week's raids. He stated that "MacFarland
and all of the big guys are out", and they are at present busy on
Cornell Street and are going to clean up all the places. Immediately
after this call, Ardell called the following:

"At 7:00 P. M., Ardell called Clearwater 2324. (This telephone is
listed to Captain John Fleming, 3711 Melburn Avenue.) Ardell
talked to some woman and after a personal chat she asked if John
or Izzy was there; upon being informed neither was present, she
asked if he (name not designated) had a private telephone as she
wanted to talk to him about something. She then told this woman
to call him and ask him to call her back on Garfield 4780 and for
him to call on some phone over which he could talk freely.

"At 8:04 P. M., Ardell received the following call:
In on Garfield 4780.

Man Hello, how are you?
Ardell Well, hello pal, how are you? You haven't been
around in a long time.

Man No, I've been tied down with a lot of responsibilities. What did you want? My wife called me.

Ardell Listen, pal. You know they have been raising hell out here in this precinct.

Man Who has?

Ardell Oh, the squad from downtown.

Man Who is that?

Ardell A friend called me up this afternoon and told me that Sergeant Savage is behind it all - that he is causing a lot of arrests and that I'm on his list. Can you talk to him for me and see what you can do?

Man Yes, but I don't think that it is him that is doing it.

Ardell Yes, but that friend of mine who called me told me that he had talked to Sergeant Savage today and that he was planning some raids and arrests.

Man I don't think that is right. By the way, the name is Captain Savage and not Sergeant. He doesn't do that kind of work. He is assigned to strikes, etc. He never did work on the kind of stuff you have in mind.

Ardell Well, what do you think I can do?

Man I think Marrell out at Precinct 11 would know more about it than anybody. He knows more about it than I would. You know him pretty well, don't you?

Ardell Fairly well only. Why don't you call him and find out something?

Man OK, I'll do it. He'll know.

Ardell Yeah - at least who is behind it. I sure would appreciate it.

Man Well, anything I can do, I'll do it - be glad to. But why don't you call him first?

Ardell What is his home telephone number?

Man I don't know. Why don't you call at the precinct and find out? They won't know your voice, will they? Just say you are from out of town and want to get in touch with him - tonight.

Ardell Alright. Say do you have a private telephone at the office?

Man Yes, but I can't think of the number right now. I can't give it to you because I can't remember it and I'm out on the street now.

Ardell When are you on duty?

Man I quit at midnight; usually get away around 12:30. You can call me at the office around 12 then, if you want to.

Ardell Alright. Thanks, honey.

"Immediately after the above conversation, Ardell called the 11th Precinct and asked for Sergeant Farrell and was told that he was not in and would be on duty at seven in the morning.

"At 3:30 P.M., the following day, Ardell called the 11th Precinct and was told that this was Sergeant Farrell's day off. At 9:50 A.M., September 13, 1936, Ardell called the 11th Precinct at which time she talked to Sergeant Farrell, and made arrangements for him to come to her house at 3:30 P. M. on this date. He agreed to come to her house and she stated that she had something that she wanted to talk to him about.

"On September 26, 1936, Ardell called the 11th Precinct and asked to speak to Sergeant Fife. This was subsequent to the time when Gertrude Currier voluntarily accompanied Agents to the Cleveland Bureau Office and was questioned. She did not return to Ardell's house and several calls were made in an endeavor to locate her. The following call was made at 1:10 P.M.:

Sergeant Fife	Hello, Sergeant Fife speaking.
Ardell	Sergeant, this is your cousin. I wanted to talk to you about something. I have a girl friend who went to the beauty parlor yesterday and
Fife	(breaking in) I'll come over and talk to you.
Ardell	Can you come over now?
Fife	No, not now. I'll be over about 2:30.
Ardell	Alright. I wanted to go to the hospital some time this afternoon to see my sister.

"At 3:15 P.M. on this same date Sergeant Fife made the following call from Ardell's house:

Operator	Police Exchange.
Fife	Inspector Carey, please
Operator	(After ringing the Inspector's office) He's down at the Lieutenant's office right now.
Fife	Connect me with him, please.
Carey	Hello.
Fife	Say, I'm over at your cousin's house now. One of her girl friends left here yesterday morning to go get her hair fixed and hasn't come back yet. On account of her connections out here she may not have given her right name, or may be afraid to call out here. Her name is

Gypsy Currier. She lives there - you know. She was dressed in a gingham dress, had a fur neckpiece, about 26 to 27 years old, fair complexion, brown eyes, brown hair, bobbed. Go up to the women's place and see if she's up there, will you? She may not have given her true name because of that connection, just call Gypsy in there and see if she answers. Call me back on Garfield 9241.

"At 3:30 P.M. Inspector Carey called Ardell's:

Man answered the phone Hello
Carey Hello, how are you? Nothing here. Only two girls and one of them is colored and the other is held on a traffic charge.
Ardell (taking the Phone) Hello, how are you?
Carey I looked in the records too. Nothing there.
Ardell Well, I'm worried about her.
Carey Maybe she's with her sweetheart.
Ardell No, she wouldn't do that without letting me know.
Carey Well, tell that boy out there to find her for you, he's good at that. One of the best.

"After the raid on Ardell's place and her arrest, Joe Ganin made several calls to various parties relative to the bond for Ardell. He called the U. S. Commissioner at 8:29 P. M., or some man called for him and asked if they could make the bond for Ardell that night. The commissioner stated that he did not want the bond brought to his house, but that he would have the bond ready at about 8:20 or 8:25 in the morning and would fix it then.

"Immediately after the above call, a man by the name of Mike Cosser (phonetic) called Dwight E. Williams, Deputy U. S. Marshal, at his residence:

Dwight Williams Hello
Mike Dwight, this is Mike. That's postponed until 8:25 in the morning. I just talked to him - he said he couldn't make it tonight. Where will I meet you?
Williams I guess I'll have to get out early then. I'll call the jail and make arrangements

to have her ready, etc. I'll have her at
X Nicola's office.
Mike Make it on time. He said he couldn't do
 it tonight on account of some court duties.
Williams I have another group to bring over at 9:30
 so I'll get her first.

"The above calls have been listed to show the exact police connections that Ardell Quinn has in the city of Cleveland, and also the possible connection with the Deputy U. S. Marshal named above."

Ardell Quinn has operated a notorious house of prostitution in the same location at 1916 East 84th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, for the past seventeen years and during such period of operation she has been absolutely unmolested by the local police or sheriff's office. A general survey of the vice conditions in the city of Cleveland, which was prepared by the American Social Hygiene Association during the years 1928, 1930 and 1932, disclosed that numerous houses of the same type as the one operated by Ardell Quinn have also operated in the city of Cleveland, and are still in existence and have apparently been operating without being molested by the police or sheriff's office in this territory.

The three vice surveys mentioned above were obtained by this office through Mr. Howard W. Green of the Cleveland Health Clinic, 1900 Euclid Avenue, who, during interview relative to the above-mentioned surveys, stated that at the completion of each of the above surveys the information contained therein, together with copies of same were furnished to the Chief of Police of the city of Cleveland, but to date no action has been taken relative to these conditions by the local police, with the possible exception of a few sporadic raids on houses of prostitution during election period and when new police chiefs assumed office. A perusal of these surveys disclosed that instead of the conditions improving from year to year they apparently became more aggravated.

In brief the Mayfield Road Gang, as heretofore mentioned, is composed of an Italian element, which resides in the vicinity of Mayfield Road and 124th Street in the city of Cleveland, which territory is generally conceded to be the center for illicit liquor as manufactured in and around the city of Cleveland during prohibition. Members of this gang, shortly after prohibition went into effect, obtained control of the corn sugar trade in this territory and at that time the Frorelli brothers were considered the leaders, until the Lonardo brothers, through the killing of six of the Frorelli brothers, took over the control of the corn sugar trade.

Nearing the end of prohibition, or shortly after prohibition, the Mayfield Road Gang became known as a group of muscle men, forcing themselves in illegitimate rackets in the city of Cleveland, such as slot machines, gambling, and vice, demanding a percentage of the profits under the threats of bodily harm to those engaged in such rackets.

Very little is actually known as to the identity of the persons comprising this gang, but at the present time it is the consensus of opinion that the ~~Leonardo~~ brothers, Sam ~~Salupa~~, Chuck and Al ~~Pollizzi~~, and Johnny ~~Angersola~~, more commonly known as Johnny ~~King~~, and his two brothers, Charley (Chuck) and Tony ~~Angersola~~ are the more notorious members of this gang.

With reference to the above named individuals, Chuck and Al Pollizzi are presently part owners of the ~~Thomas~~ Club, a gambling establishment located on McCracken Road on the outskirts of Cleveland, Ohio, and Johnny Angersola, alias Johnny King, and his two brothers are the lieutenants of Mickey ~~McBride~~, operator of the ~~Kone~~ Cab Company, and the ~~Teleflash~~, a system of radio broadcast of immediate racing results.

With further reference to the above-mentioned Thomas Club, information was obtained from a confidential source that the following are the absolute owners of this gambling establishment: Sam ~~Wucker~~, Morris ~~Dolita~~, Louis ~~Rothkopf~~, Marty J. ~~O'Boyle~~, Charles (Chuck) ~~Pollizzi~~, Albert ~~Pollizzi~~, John ~~Angersole~~, and Harry ~~Dotter~~. Although it is generally thought in the city of Cleveland that Alkie and Gameboy ~~Miller~~ are the owners of this club, it was ascertained from the same source from whom the above information was obtained, that these two individuals merely "front" for the above listed owners of this club.

It might also be noted that Angelo ~~Marotto~~, alias Dago ~~Angelo~~, is the operator of the numbers racket, known as the ~~"Last Chance"~~, which is operated in the city of Cleveland.

Since the beginning of 1936, Eliot Ness, Director of Public Safety of the City of Cleveland, has been investigating the personnel of the Police Department and has accomplished much in the way of indictments of high police officials. He has also discharged and transferred many of the policemen and made changes in the Police Department as a whole and such changes have been placed before the public through the press. The following information was obtained from the Cleveland Plain Dealer relative to the activities of Director Ness:

On May 27, 1936, there appeared an article that related that Captain Louis J. Cadek, of the Cleveland Police Department, was tried, and convicted on four counts in an indictment charging him with accepting bribes; sentence was withheld pending a hearing on a motion for a new trial. On May 30, 1936, this motion was denied and Cadek was sentenced to serve from 2 to 20 years in the Ohio State Penitentiary. On this same date an appeal was noted by Cadek and same is still pending.

On May 30, 1936, there appeared an article reciting that Councilman Antony Vahovec of the 32nd Ward, had sent a written request to Director Ness that his ward be cleaned up of vice and gambling. In a statement to the press he stated that he sent this request to Ness due to the fact that had he given same to the police of the local precinct, nothing would have been done about it. V A 20

On June 7, 1936, there appeared an article relating that Captain Michael J. Harwood was relieved of duty from the 14th precinct due to the fact that Director Ness had led a raid on a bookie joint in this precinct and ascertained that this place was operating to the knowledge of Captain Harwood and Harwood's son rented these quarters to this joint and was probably a part owner in this business. It was also stated that both Harwoods frequented this place.

On June 18, 1936, an article carried the incident of the discharge of Captain Cadek as an outgrowth of his conviction on the charge of bribery.

On July 10, 1936, there appeared an article wherein it was related that Captain Harwood's brother had filed suit against him charging that Captain Harwood had, through a spurious will, swindled the other heirs out of \$30,000.00 from the estates of their deceased aunt.

On July 22, 1936, Captain Adolph Lebanon was relieved of duty due to the fact that he appeared at the office of the Chief of Police in a drunken state. On this same date, there appeared an article that Ness raided a bookie joint in the 8th precinct and found that this joint had been operating openly and to the knowledge of the police officials in this precinct.

On July 23, 1936, Deputy Police Inspector Timothy J. Costello, was requested to make an explanation of the above and to explain why his three sons were employed by and working with Tommy McGinty, a notorious racketeer and gambler. These sons are allegedly working at the Sainbridge Race Track.

On August 25, 1936, Operating Director William E. Edwards of the Cleveland Association for Criminal Justice, published the results of his investigation of the "BOND RACKET" in the city of Cleveland. This article named the following judges and county officials:

Chief Justice Burt W. Griffin
Judge Joseph M. Ackerman
Judge Jacob Stacel
Judge Julius M. Kovachy
Former Judge George S. Tenesey
Deputy Clerk Lillian M. McGinty

These officials were severely criticized in connection with the professional bondsmen and the following remark was made relative to them: "carelessness, sloppiness, inaccuracy, ignorance and partiality." This article carried incidents of practices of the above description. Edwards stated that "The people must do something about this situation." Edwards stated that he had evidence of perjury against ten professional bondsmen, names not given, and cited the county officials and stated that "of \$318,973.00 bonds forfeited since 1929, the county auditor's office records show only \$50.00 had been collected."

On September 2, 1936, there appeared an article stating that the entire personnel of the 15th precinct had been transferred and had been replaced by a "hand-picked" group of policemen. This transfer was made due to the fact that several of the citizens of this precinct had reported to Ness that uniformed officers were going through the neighborhood warning the people that Ness was making an undercover investigation in this community and that they should not give any information to Ness or his investigators. Director Ness is quoted as saying, "My investigation shows that there has been police collusion in the 15th precinct over a number of years and that condition has resulted in the residents losing all confidence in police generally."

On October 5, 1936, there appeared an article in the Cleveland Press that stated that preparatory to turning over to the county prosecutor a report charging various members of the Police Department with bribery, collusion and graft, Director Ness discharged eight more members from the force, viz:

Deputy Inspector Edwin C. Burns
Lieutenant John H. Nebe
Lieutenant Thomas J. Brady
Sergeant James J. Rice
Sergeant Harry B. Miller
Patrolman Clarence H. Alberts
Patrolman John L. Shoemaker
Patrolman Gaylord Stotts.

It should also be stated here that the Grand Jury is still in session and that additional evidence is being offered by the 66 witnesses that are testifying before this body relative to bribery and graft, during the period of prohibition, and at present, in the Cleveland Police Department.

The above brief, of the information at hand at this time is furnished for your information relative to the conditions in Cleveland, Ohio, and suburbs, concerning police collusion and corruption.

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Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. CONNELLEY,
Inspector.

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Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

(Name and address of Contributor)

Date October 27, 1936.

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Division of Investigation:

Division File Number	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
FBI-54440	Bureau Office, New Orleans, La.	FRED JOHN HUNTER, aliases: FRED HUNTER; FREDDIE HUNTER; FRED KING; HAROLD KING; H. KING; H. J. KING; FRED HARRIS; FRED JOHN HENDERSON; EDWARD O'HARA, E. O'HARA.	Indicted Federal Grand Jury, New Orleans, La., conspiracy to harbor Federal Fugitive 5-27-36; sentenced same day two years Federal Penitentiary

Very truly yours,

R. L. TOLLETT,
Special Agent in Charge.
(Official Title)

(For instructions see reverse side)

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

October 27, 1936

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While discussing with S. C. Connelley potential operations in connection with the Toledo and Cleveland harboring cases growing out of the fugitivity of Alvin Karpis, et al, I told Mr. Connelley that this situation should be planned and handled in such a manner that the Bureau would be able to make a comprehensive and intelligent release of the facts in such a manner that they would receive the public notice to which they were entitled and to be handled in such a manner that the Bureau would receive immediate and full credit for the work which has been done by the Bureau.

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REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 10-27-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-26-36	REPORT MADE BY L. E. Kingman
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232 - FUGITIVE; et al. EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Harboring; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: .45 Colt Automatic pistol, #C-175221, sold by Harry Goldstein, pawnbroker, Tulsa, Okla. 8-17-35 to one Roy Eckles. Goldstein did not comply with city ordinance in furnishing copy of application to purchase firearms for this gun to Police Dept. Only LeRoy Eckles located in Tulsa, denies purchasing this gun. Specimens of handwriting obtained.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. L. Meyer, Louisville, dated October 22, 1936.</p> <p>DETAILS: At Tulsa, Oklahoma</p> <p>Roy Essley, who supervises the Firearms Department for Bardon's, in the 100 block on South Main Street, checked his records and ascertained that Colt .45 Automatic pistol, #175221, had been disposed of to Harry Goldstein, pawnbroker, Tulsa, on August 17, 1935. Mr. Essley stated this sale was evidently made to Goldstein in order that Goldstein might make a sale to a customer who wanted such a gun, which was not at that time in Goldstein's stock.</p> <p>Harry Goldstein was contacted and his records checked for the sale of this gun. Under the city ordinance in Tulsa, it is necessary for a formal application for the purchase of weapons to be filled out and signed by the purchaser of any firearm. The original must be filed with the Police Department, and the original must bear the fingerprints of the purchaser on the back of the form. Mr. Goldstein had a duplicate of the application, bearing # A-704. The name of the applicant was set out as Roy Eckles; residence, 418 North Cheyenne; description: age, 45 yrs; height, 5' 8"; weight, 140 lbs.; sex, male; color of hair, light; com-</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>W. H. Brantley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-1576 13156	
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plexion, light. The gun was listed as a .45 calibre Colt; factory # C-175221. The purchase price was \$36.75, and the application was dated at Tulsa, Oklahoma on August 17, 1935, bearing the signature Roy Eckles and witnessed by H.A.G. (Harry Goldstein). This is a carbon copy of the original, which, according to the ordinance, is to be furnished to the Police Department.

At the Tulsa Police Department, Gene Bewley, in charge of records, made a search for the original of this sale. The original could not be located in the Police Department files, and there is no corresponding index card which is customarily filled out at the Police Department and filed by number. Mr. Bewley said he was of the opinion Goldstein had failed to furnish the Police Department with the original of this application.

At 418 North Cheyenne, Mrs. Millie L. Phillips, who lives at that address, stated she did not know any Roy Eckles and, so far as she knew, no such person had ever lived at that address.

Directory records for 1935 and 1936 show that one LeRoy Eckles lived at 1409 South Delaware Place. He is listed as the proprietor of Roy's Automotive Machine Shop at 115 South Denver. Inquiry made at this machine shop revealed Mr. Eckles had sold this business on July 15, 1936, and that he is presently employed by the Norris Manufacturing Company, which manufactures oil well equipment and maintains a large machine shop.

Mr. Eckles was contacted at the Norris Manufacturing Company and said he had not purchased this gun nor any other gun at any time from Harry Goldstein. Agent had a faint memory that the name of Roy Eckles had been previously mentioned in some connection with the instant case during certain phases of the investigation made at Tulsa, and therefore questioned Mr. Eckles relative to his connection with any of the persons involved in this case, which brought forth the information that Harry Sherrill, who was closely associated for a long time with Edith Campbell, sister of Harry Campbell, when paroled from the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, in the latter part of 1935, had been paroled to Mr. Eckles. Eckles stated he did not know the Campbell family nor any of the principals in this case, but that after Harry Sherrill was paroled to him and began to go with Edith Campbell, he, Eckles, was approached at one time by George Stewart, deceased, former police officer, and requested to have Sherrill do all possible to learn the whereabouts of Harry Campbell. Mr. Eckles stated he discussed this with Sherrill and Sherrill promised to ascertain any information possible from Edith Campbell as to the whereabouts of her brother, and that he reported back to Mr. Eckles several times that evidently the Campbell family did not know where Harry was located.

LeRoy Eckles is the father of a 17 year old boy also named LeRoy Eckles, who is the subject of a recent investigation in the Oklahoma City office under a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Officers Lian Moss and George Terrill of the Tulsa Police Department informed Agent that LeRoy Eckles bears a good reputation and has never been known to be associated with the underworld around Tulsa.

The physical description of LeRoy Eckles is as follows:

Age	37 years
Height	5' 6"
Weight	180 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown tinged with grey.
Eyes	Grey.

It will be noted this description does not tally with the description on the duplicate application for the purchase of weapons.

Mr. Eckles furnished Agent three specimens of his signature, and the duplicate application for purchase of weapons, together with these known specimens of the handwriting of LeRoy Eckles are being furnished to the Bureau for comparison.

It should be called to the attention of all interested offices that this Agent made a previous investigation in tracing a gun in connection with this case, which was sold by Harry Goldstein, in which transaction Goldstein failed to take the fingerprints of the purchaser, whose identity could not be learned.

P E N D I N G

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 30, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

There are being returned herewith the following serials which were furnished by your office to the Cleveland office:

Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated July 28, 1936, in the Hanap case;
Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated July 8, 1936, in the Hanap case;

The following serials are in the Brekid case:

Report of Special Agent J. B. Anderson, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated August 31, 1936;
Report of Special Agent Royal J. Untreiner, Jacksonville, Florida, dated June 12, 1936;
Telegram from the Jacksonville office to Inspector E. J. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois, dated June 3, 1936;
Report of Special Agent E. C. Suran, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated May 15, 1936;
Report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated February 10, 1936;
Report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated February 1, 1936;
Report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated June 15, 1936;
Report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated June 7, 1936;
Report of Special Agent E. C. Coulter, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated May 23, 1936;
Report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimmons, Jacksonville, Florida, dated April 4, 1936;
Letter from the St. Paul office to the Director dated January 3, 1936;
Report of Special Agent L. B. Donaldson, Jacksonville, Florida, dated October 14, 1936;

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Report of Special Agent J. E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota,
dated February 7, 1935;
Report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida,
dated February 20, 1935;
Report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, St. Paul, Minnesota,
dated June 4, 1934;
Criminal record of Arthur M. "Doc" Barker, FBI #2894268, dated
January 11, 1935;
Criminal record of Paula Hanson, FBI #105880, dated April 20,
1934;
Criminal record of Fred Barker, FBI #59163, dated January 23, 1935;
Criminal record of Russell Gibson, FBI #57685, dated January 11,
1935;
Criminal record of Volney Davis, FBI #400441, dated June 3, 1936;
Criminal record of Myrtle Eaton, FBI #337474, dated March 27, 1936;
Criminal record of William J. Harrison, FBI #777007, dated
November 1, 1934;
Criminal record of Edna Murray, FBI #9397, dated September 27, 1934;
Criminal record of Edna Murray, FBI #9397, dated October 29, 1934;
Teletype from Inspector E. J. Connelley to the Director, dated
January 15, 1935, re Edna Murray;
Report of Special Agent Emerson Hopp, New Orleans, Louisiana,
dated May 4, 1934;
Summary report of Special Agent J. G. Tillman, Chicago, Illinois,
dated March 22, 1935;
Parole report on Wynona Burdette by Special Agent R. B. Donaldson,
Jacksonville, Florida, dated April 6, 1935;
Parole report on Dolores Delaney by Special Agent R. B. Donaldson,
Jacksonville, Florida, dated April 6, 1935;
Parole report on William Weaver by Special Agent J. E. Brennan,
St. Paul, Minnesota, dated February 1, 1936;
Parole report on Harry Campbell by Special Agent M. C. Suran,
St. Paul, Minnesota, dated May 15, 1936;
Parole report on Alvin Karpis, by Special Agent C. E. McKee,
St. Paul, Minnesota, dated July 28, 1936, in the Manap case;
Parole report on C. J. Fitzgerald by Special Agent C. E. McKee,
St. Paul, Minnesota, dated July 28, 1936, in the Manap case;
Letter from the Chicago office to the St. Paul office dated
September 29, 1935, in the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY,
Inspector.

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FILE NO. 7-45 AG

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 10-27-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-16-36	REPORT MADE BY J.W. RANSOM
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>Dr. Horace Higbee Hunsicker kidnapped by subjects Karpis and Campbell at approximately midnight, January 20, 1935, near Sellersville, Pa. and driven in his car to Guilford Centre, Ohio, where he was trussed up and abandoned at approximately 9 P.M., January 21, 1936, subjects escaping in Dr. Hunsicker's Plymouth Coach. Victim unable to definitely identify subjects at the time of his kidnaping but now realizes same were Karpis and Campbell. Description of Hunsicker set out.</p>			
REFERENCE: Cleveland Office letter dated October 9, 1936; Report of Special Agent J.R. Sharp, Philadelphia, Pa., 2-5-35; report of Special Agent William Larson, Detroit, Mich., 1-31-35.			
DETAILS: <u>AT ALLENTOWN, PA.</u> Dr. Horace Higbee Hunsicker, a member of the Staff of the Allentown State Hospital, was interviewed and furnished further detailed information relative to his kidnaping by subjects Karpis and Campbell. On Sunday evening, January 20, 1935, Dr. Hunsicker had been visiting a friend, Miss Belford, at the Windemere Apts., Gladstone Manor, on Baltimore Pike, at Lansdowne, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia. Dr. Hunsicker left Miss Belford's apartment at approximately 10.30 P.M., in his Plymouth			
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Couch and started to drive to Allentown, Pa. Dr. Hunsicker took the following route through Philadelphia: In the Baltimore Pike to 52nd Street, crossed 52nd Street to Belmont Avenue, to City Line, crossed Lincoln Drive to McCallum Street; left on McCallum Street to its intersection with U.S. Route 309, and thence out Route 309, which is the main route from Philadelphia to Allentown, Pa.

Dr. Hunsicker recalls distinctly that he left the Windemere Apts. at approximately 10.30 on Sunday evening, January 20, 1935, because of the fact it was cold and snowing and he realized that it would probably take him longer than usual to drive to Allentown, which journey usually requires 1½ hours to complete.

Dr. Hunsicker drove out U.S. Route 309 from Sellersville, Pa., and just outside of Sellersville where Highway #563 crosses Route 309 at right angles he noticed a car parked on Route 563 to his right as he passed this intersection, with the head-lights of this car shining towards him. As he continued on Route 309 he noticed the head-lights of this car turning into Route 309 behind him and after continuing on for a few hundred yards he heard the insistent blowing of an automobile horn, apparently on the car following him. He stated that in view of the slippery condition of the road due to the heavy snow he involuntarily pulled off to the side of the road and stopped with the idea of allowing the car to go on ahead for safety reasons and that before he realized it this car had stopped alongside and slightly ahead of him, at which time one of the two persons in same jumped from the car and approached him with a gun in his hand. This person jumped into his (Dr. Hunsicker's) car, pointed the gun at him, told him to keep quiet and to follow the car which had stopped alongside of him. Dr. Hunsicker realized that he was in trouble and immediately acquiesced to the demands of this person. He followed the hold-up car for about two or three minutes, going directly North on Route 309, after which time they turned over Route 309 to the right and proceeded down a winding country road for a short distance; that they finally stopped and the driver of the hold-up car abandoned the car and got into his (Dr. Hunsicker's) car, placing himself in the front seat. The first man had gotten into the rear seat of Dr. Hunsicker's car. In obedience to the commands of these persons, Dr. Hunsicker turned his car around, proceeded back to Route 309, turning left on Route 309 back towards Philadelphia and at the intersection of Route 563 with 309 turned right into Route 563 going in the direction in which the hold-up car was originally facing on Route 563.

Dr. Hunsicker stated that for some time they continued over back country roads and he recalled that they finally drove into Allentown, Pa., where they turned West going over a number of bumpy roads, crossing a number of railroads and going up over sharp rises. They continued driving in a Westerly direction, mainly over back roads, although Dr. Hunsicker believes they were following closely the route of the William Penn Highway and the kidnapers stopped at various times to consult a road map or directions which they had placed in the rear of his car. He stated that during the entire trip other than numerous stops for gasoline they stopped only two other times, one of these being in the Western part of Pennsylvania where they stopped to obtain a drink of water from a spring along the road on a highway which he believes to be Route 986 or some similar route.

Dr. Hunsicker informed that the first stop was made early in the morning of January 21, 1938, at which time they stopped to put the automobile radio in working condition, they having apparently kicked the plug connection from the radio upon entering the car.

Shortly after the start of the trip Dr. Hunsicker informed his captors that he realized he was in great trouble and for that reason he requested that they not carry out any conversation during the trip which might necessitate their killing him in order to keep him from disclosing any information which would subsequently be harmful to them should he disclose same.

During the entire trip Dr. Hunsicker's captors conversed very little and at no time during the trip they indicate their real identities to him or the reason for their having kidnapped him. He stated that as he recalls they did at certain times during the trip call each other by certain names but that possibly due to his highly nervous condition and the length of time elapsing since this kidnaping he does not recall the names his captors used. He stated he was never at any time bound or gagged other than when he was released and bound up at Guilford Center, Ohio. The trip continued on through the early morning of January 21st and into the afternoon and Dr. Hunsicker realized they were continually traveling in a generally Westward direction, although they followed mainly back and winding dirt roads, and he stated that in the afternoon he recalled having seen highway markers pointing to Butler and New Castle, Pa., indicating they were in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Just prior to crossing the Pennsylvania-Ohio State Line, they traveled on a back road apparently parallel to this State line, going back and forth in a Northerly and Southerly direction several times before they finally turned left over a bumpy dirt road, which led them into the State of Ohio, and Dr. Hunsicker recalls having seen an Ohio State Line marker as they passed across.

Immediately after crossing the Ohio State Line, they traveled over a short bumpy road and thence over a brick road through a number of small residential towns.

Dr. Hunsicker informed further that just prior to going over into Ohio his captors debated as to whether they should take him from Pennsylvania into Ohio, they apparently being familiar with the Kidnaping Law, which makes it a violation to transport a kidnapped person in interstate commerce and they were apparently looking for a country school house or some similar place in which to abandon him.

Dr. Hunsicker noted that about 1:00 or 1:30 P.M. on January 21st his captors turned on the automobile radio and were apparently "fishing" for some particular program and that at about 1:30 P.M. they tuned into a hill-billy program for which program they had apparently been looking particularly. When questioned as to what station this program came over or any identifying data pertaining to same, Dr. Hunsicker stated he was unable to inform as to the station over which this program came but that he remembered it was a hill-billy program and that the people broadcasting were reciting about pine trees and there being safety in the pines and that it was clear ahead. Being unable to make much sense out of Dr. Hunsicker's explanation of this radio program he was closely questioned about this and he reiterated this information, stating it was his honest belief that this program was being broadcasted solely for the benefit of his captors in an effort to give them information to the effect that it was clear ahead and that they should seek safety in the pines. He stated very definitely that it appeared to him that his captors were trying to locate this one particular program inasmuch as shortly after the conclusion of same they turned the radio off. He stated that in addition to the particular broadcast described above they also recited on this program the poem entitled "The Shooting of Dan McGrew," or some similar piece.

It appeared to Dr. Hunsicker that his captors were unfamiliar with the roads in the Eastern part of Pennsylvania but seemed to become more familiar with the roads as they traveled West, particularly in Ohio, where they did very little consulting of their road map. He stated particularly in Eastern and Central parts of Pennsylvania they would run past roads and then turn and run back on same. According to Dr. Hunsicker it was about dusk of January 21st when they crossed the Pennsylvania-Ohio State Line, and a few hours after this Dr. Hunsicker recalls passing through Akron, Ohio, which was the last main town they passed through prior to stopping at Guilford Centre shortly before 9:00 P.M. on the evening of January 21, 1935. The car was driven through a

small settlement which Dr. Hunsicker later learned to be Guilford Centre, Ohio, and his captors noted the building later identified as the Guilford Centre Grange Hall, which was apparently vacant at that time. They drove past this hall which was on the left, stopped a short distance away, turned around, came back, drove in and around to the rear of the building where they made a cursory examination of same and then broke a window and together with himself entered the building. He was taken to the basement of same where he was bound with his own pajamas, a belt, the ownership of which he does not know, and a piece of rope, which they apparently got from the rear of his car although he does not recall having any rope in same. He stated that as he recalls it they gagged him at his own request as he (Dr. Hunsicker) realized that he was in very dangerous hands and wanted to impress upon his captors the fact that he would not make any immediate attempt to escape or at least would be secure until they had sufficient time to make their escape. He stated he believed it was approximately 9:00 P.M. when he was trussed up at Guilford Centre. He stated that after his captors left he heard the automobile start up but that he made no attempt to free himself for a few moments, thinking possibly that one of his captors might have remained behind to see if he made an immediate attempt to free himself. Shortly thereafter he did manage to free himself from his bonds which he stated were bound very loosely and he then left the building and walked down the road stopping at the first farm-house where he made inquiry for a telephone and learned that he would find one at the next farm-house; that he immediately went there and called up the Chief of Police; that he was subsequently removed to the hospital at Wadsworth, Ohio, where about 4:00 A.M. he was aroused from sleep and interviewed by an agent of this Bureau, the results of which interview are set out in the Larson report of reference.

Dr. Hunsicker expressed surprise that he had not been re-contacted by an agent of this Bureau prior to this time, stating that he realizes at the time he was interviewed at Wadsworth he was in an exhausted and nervous condition and because of this had probably not given a coherent story of his kidnaping and subsequent flight at the hands of his captors into Ohio. He was questioned as to whether he could identify photographs of Karpis and Campbell, at which time he removed from his desk copies of the wanted notices, which were printed by this Bureau of Karpis and Campbell and stated that he now realizes from subsequent events that his captors were these persons but that at the time of his kidnaping he took pains to keep his eyes away from his captors at all times in accordance with their demands and although he

did at times catch a glimpse of their profiles he was unable at the time of his kidnaping to definitely identify photographs of subjects as his kidnapers.

He was also diplomatically questioned as to the time at which he was kidnapped as indicated in the Larson report of reference and he informed that he did not recall having stated to the interviewing agent that it was as a matter of fact 8:00 A.M., January 21st, when he was kidnapped and that he would have no reason for doing same. He stated that the approx. time of his actual kidnaping was shortly prior to midnight of January 20, 1935, of which time he was absolutely certain in view of the fact that he had left Lansdowne, Pa., at 10:30 P.M., January 20th; that the total trip from Lansdowne to Allentown, Pa., usually consumed an hour and a half but on this particular night due to the condition of the roads and falling snow he was required to drive slower than usual and in addition to this he had been delayed for a few moments in Philadelphia, Pa., having been stopped by a traffic officer because of faulty head-lights and he, therefore, estimated that it was shortly prior to midnight or approx. midnight at the time he was first held up by Karpis and Campbell.

It will also be noted that the directions in which Karpis and Campbell drove after getting into Dr. Hunsicker's car on Routes 309 and 563 respectively are at variance with the information contained in the Larson reference report. However, Dr. Hunsicker stated that the information previously in possession of the Bureau was incorrect in the premises and that they actually turned left into 309 back towards Philadelphia, and thence right into 563 as shown herein.

It will be noted from the Sharp report of reference that subject's car in which they fled from Atlantic City, N.J., was apparently abandoned at the point where it was found at Quakertown, Pa., at approximately 12:30 A.M., January 21, 1935, inasmuch as the attention of James Lark, who resides near the point where this car was abandoned was attracted by the barking of his dog at about 12:30 or 1:00 A.M. this date, and his daughter, Juanita, from her bedroom at approximately 12:30 A.M., January 21st, saw the lights of a car pull into the lane and then go out.

Reference to a Pennsylvania road map reveals that the vicinity described by Dr. Hunsicker as being that in which he was kidnapped and forced to follow his kidnapers' car is in the approximate location of where subjects' car was found abandoned.

Dr. Hunsicker was questioned as to whether he heard any barking dogs at the time subjects abandoned their car and commandeered his and he stated he did not recall any barking dogs although it was entirely possible that he did not hear same due to the nervous tension under which he was working.

Dr. Hunsicker was positive that the time of his kidnaping was approximately 12:00 Midnight of January 20, 1935.

Dr. Hunsicker was unable to supply any information of value in addition to that hereinbefore set out in this report, stating he possibly could have shortly subsequent to his kidnaping and after his return to Allentown supplied additional information but that same had now slipped his recollection due to the time elapsing since the kidnaping.

The following description of Dr. Hunsicker was obtained from observation and interrogation:

Name:	Horace Higbee Hunsicker, M.D.
Age:	33; born August 2, 1905, Phila.Pa.
Height:	5' 5"
Weight:	144 pounds
Complexion:	dark
Build:	short
Eyes:	brown
Hair:	dark brown, receding.
Scars:	scar 2" inner left knee; 1" across top of tongue.
Eye-glasses:	rimless eye-glasses.
Mustache:	effects small mustache.
Residence:	temporary-Allentown State Hospital, Allentown, Pa. home- 1625 Race Street, Phila.Pa.
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Nationality:	American
Parents:	Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Hunsicker, Phila.Pa.
Relatives:	Brother-W.C. Hunsicker, Jr., Phila.Pa. Sister, Mrs. M.J. Bennett, Phila.Pa.
Education:	Graduate Hahnemann Medical College, 1929.
Criminal Record:	None known.
Occupation:	Member of Staff, Allentown State Hospital.
Fingerprints:	On file at Harrisburg, Pa. State Board of Health.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 30, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

This is to advise that a copy of the summary report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 25, 1936, and a copy of the summary report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 26, 1936, were delivered by me to United States Attorney Emerich B. Freed at Cleveland, Ohio, on October 29, 1936, when the harboring situation was taken up with him.

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Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
Inspector.

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PHONE BREKID. DISCUSSED HARBORING CASE TODAY US ATTY FREED AND
FIRST ASSISTANT US ATTY FOOTE AND PLAN OF FUTURE ACTION OUTLINED
TO HIM AND TENTATIVELY AGREED TO. HOWEVER, HE WILL REVIEW SUMMARY
REPORTS FURNISHED TO HIM TODAY SO HE CAN DISCUSS PERSONS FOR
WHOM WARRANTS SHALL ISSUE. CONTINGENT UPON DAY GRAND JURY IS TO
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October 29, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Relative to the letters written by Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney which appear in The American Magazine for November, you are advised that copies of these letters were in the possession of the Bureau shortly after each letter was written.

The letter written by Alvin Karpis to Dolores Delaney on May 10, 1936, was transmitted to the Bureau by the St. Paul Office with a cover letter dated May 11, 1936, which was received in the Bureau on May 13, 1936. A copy of this letter was also forwarded to the Bureau with a cover letter from the Detroit Office dated May 15, 1936, this letter being received in the Bureau on May 13, 1936. The original letter written by Karpis was, of course, delivered to Dolores Delaney.

A copy of the letter written by Dolores Delaney to Alvin Karpis dated only "May, 1936" was transmitted to the Bureau by the Detroit Office with a cover letter dated May 11, 1936, which was received in the Bureau on May 13, 1936.

No copy of the letter written by Dolores Delaney to Alvin Karpis was made by the St. Paul Office when the letter was received there since the St. Paul Office knew that copies of all Dolores Delaney's correspondence were being obtained through the Detroit Office.

For your information, Dolores Delaney was received at Milan, Michigan, on March 29, 1935, and in April, 1935, the Detroit Office perfected arrangements with the Milan Reformatory officials whereby the Bureau was furnished with copies of all of the incoming and outgoing correspondence of Dolores Delaney, and we had been receiving this correspondence for a period of more than a year when instant specimens were obtained.

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Memo for Director

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October 29, 1936

I talked with SAC Reinecke at Detroit concerning this situation, and he advised that the only information which he obtained from Milan specifically for Ryley Cooper was information concerning the background of Pat Cherrington, which information was obtained at the request of Mr. Tolson. Mr. Reinecke did not obtain copies of these letters from the Milan institution for Mr. Cooper.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 28, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

RE: BANKID

Reference is made to letter from Inspector E. J. Connelley, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 27, 1936, relative to the fact that George "Burrhead" Keady is allegedly operating a gambling establishment in or around the city of Dallas, Texas. In this connection it is thought advisable that immediate investigation be conducted to locate such an establishment and, if possible, to cultivate an informant who either frequents this place or works therein, who will keep the Bureau advised as to the activities of Keady, and also to ascertain whether or not Milton Lett is frequenting this gambling establishment.

It will be noted that in the report of Special Agent A. Paul Kitchen, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, September 8, 1936, relative to the activities of Milton Lett, reference is made to the fact that Lett might possibly be in contact with one Kenneth Lang of Baird, Texas.

It is thought that due to the connections of the two individuals with the major subjects in this case that it is highly probable that Milton Lett may subsequently, if not at the present time, be in contact with "Burrhead" Keady.

You are respectfully requested to give this matter your early attention as the Bureau is desirous of securing an interview with Lett. Lett should be held until advice is received from Cleveland as to what disposition will be made of him.

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- Chicago
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Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Inspector.

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Laboratory Report

Case Re: BREKID

Number: 7-576-13162

Spec 76-13162 Q9. One photostat containing copies of the reverse side of five C.O.D. package receipts, all signed "E. Bronson" and dated Jul. 11, 1934.

Examination requested by: Cleveland

Date received: 11-3-36 jwp 3:00 PM

Examination requested: Document 11/6

Result of examination:

Examination by Pickering (AE)

CC: S¹. Paul
Cincinnati
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

Chicago
EXPEDITE FACTS TO GO TO GRAND JURY IN NEAR FUTURE

Compared with various members
of the Karpis Barker Gang. ~~None~~
No reason to believe any of them wrote
signature "E. Bronson."
No conclusion re signature "Charles
Bronson" on application - Transfer. Spec. 5621
No comparison with Delores Delaney as
sufficient specimens not available

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CC: S^t. Paul
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Chicago

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 31, 1936.

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Transmitted herewith will be found photostatic copies of the reverse side of five U.O.D. package receipts obtained from the U. S. Post Office, Cleveland, Ohio, which were signed for by one E. Bronson, and all of which relate to packages of tailored shirts mailed by the Thomas Shirt Company of Columbus, Ohio, to subjects in this file at the Harvard Club, Newburgh Heights, Ohio, under date of July 6, 1934.

It is requested that the signatures appearing on these receipts be compared by the Technical Laboratory with the known handwriting specimens of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, as well as other members of the Barker-Karpis gang, in order to determine whether the packages in question were obtained at the post office by any of these individuals. Attention is called to the fact that Karpis, during the year 1934, had a Ford coupe automobile registered under the alias of Bronson, and it is believed that copies of papers relating to this car and bearing the name Bronson in writing are contained in the Bureau files in this matter.

It will be appreciated if this examination is expedited inasmuch as the information is desired in connection with the harboring cases at Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, and the facts as to these situations are to be presented to a Grand Jury in the near future.

SKM/EJB
Enclosure (1)
CC - Cincinnati
- Chicago

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 31, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 26, 1936, (7-576) advising that Fred C. Spohn of Chardon, Ohio, wrote to the Bureau under date of September 9, 1934, requesting the criminal record of Charles Carroll, FBI #30222, and that the criminal record was sent to Mr. Spohn on August 17, 1934. It is presumed that the letter written by Mr. Spohn to the Bureau was dated August 9, 1934, rather than September 9, 1934.

The Cleveland office is interested in securing the transcript of the criminal record of Charles Carroll, FBI #30222, which was forwarded to Mr. Fred C. Spohn, and in this connection the Chicago office advised by letter dated October 26, 1936, that the said transcript was forwarded to the Bureau by the Chicago office for laboratory examination, and that the Bureau, by letter dated September 20, 1936, advised the Chicago office that the transcript of the criminal record had been examined but no latent fingerprints found thereon.

It thus appears that the Bureau is in possession of the transcript of the criminal record of Charles Carroll, which was originally furnished to Mr. Fred C. Spohn of Chardon, Ohio, and it is, therefore, requested that same be forwarded to the Cleveland office for possible use in connection with the case which is expected to be presented in the near future as to persons who harbored fugitives in this case in the state of Ohio.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
J. P. MacFARLAND
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Special Agent in Charge

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Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

97491

October 31, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. R. Sharp dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1935, wherein it is stated that registration cards of the Dammor Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey, were secured, reflecting that on January 18, 1935, "Mrs. A. B. Graham and sister, Macom, Georgia" (Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette) registered, and that on January 19, 1935, persons registered as "R. S. Carson and G. C. Cameron, Rock Harbor, Florida" (Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell).

The Philadelphia office advised that the originals of the above registration cards were forwarded to the Bureau.

It is respectfully requested that the Bureau forward these original registration cards to the Cleveland office for use in connection with the contemplated harboring trial at Toledo, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
Special Agent in Charge

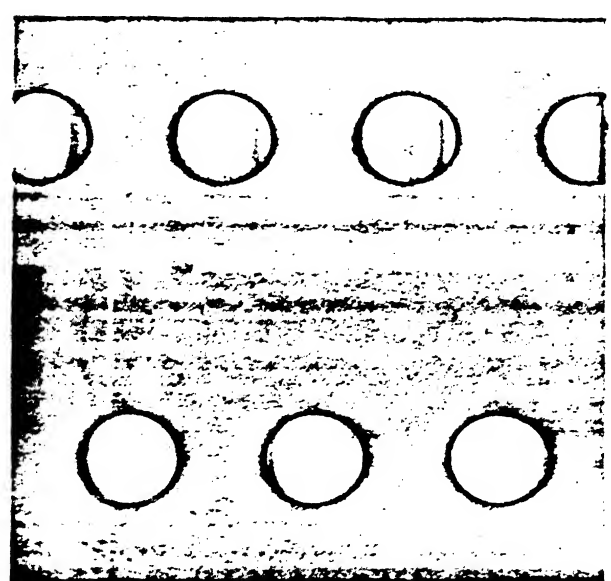
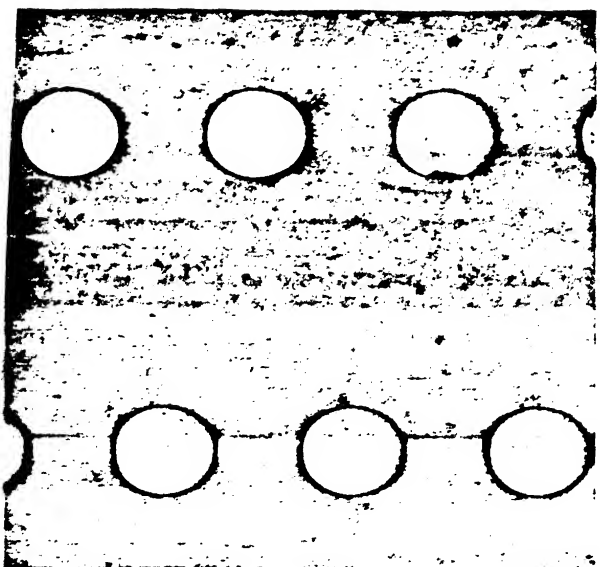
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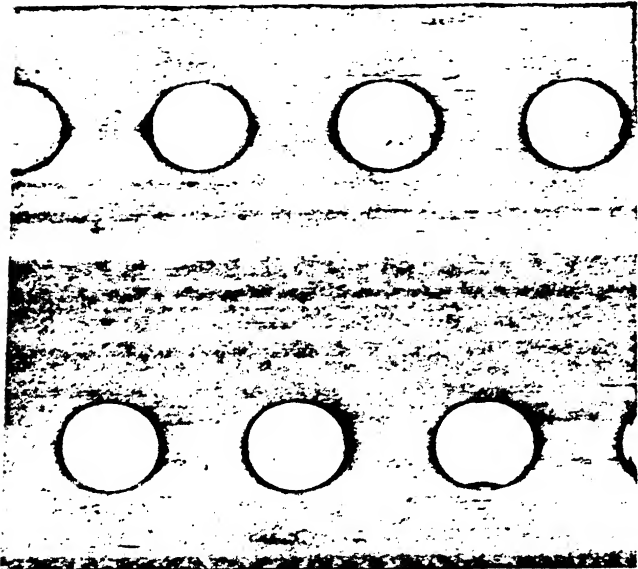
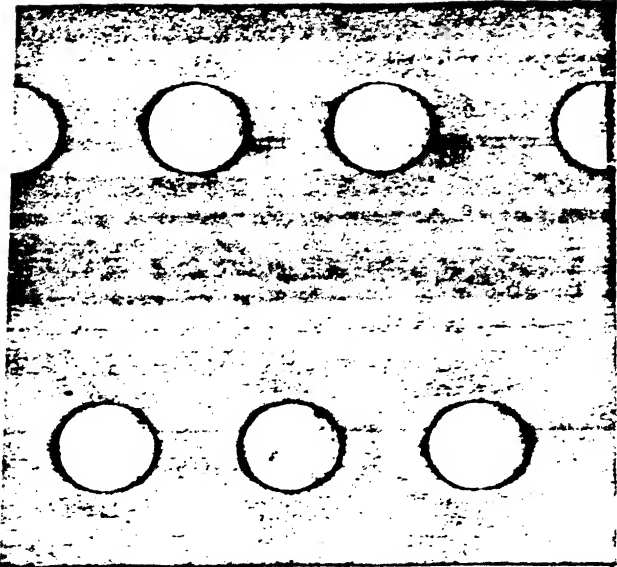
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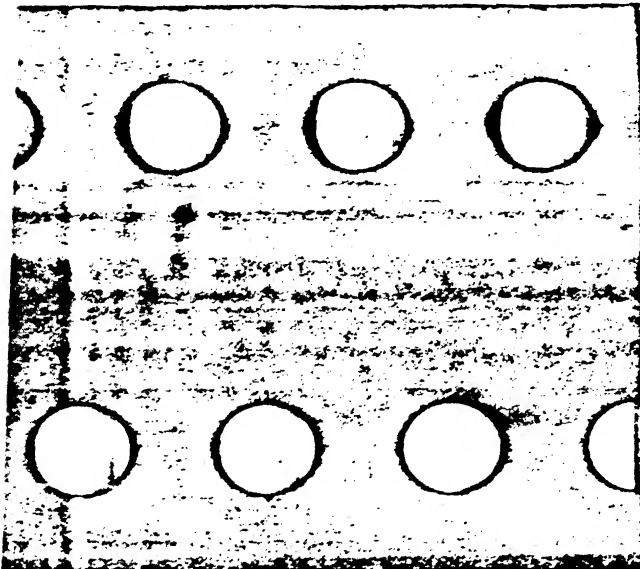
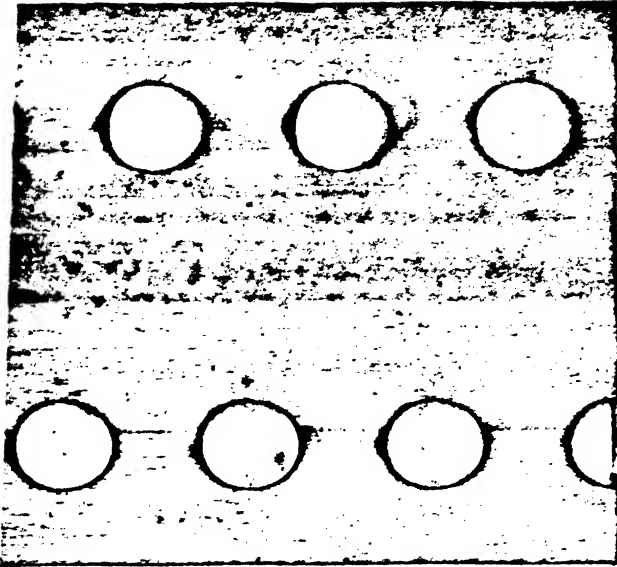
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From: Laboratory

Date 11/10 1936

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E. P. COFFEY

E. P. Coffey

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

97489

October 30, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent L. B. Reed, Oklahoma City, dated October 9, 1936, reflecting investigation conducted for the purpose of establishing the previous association of Sam Coker with Harry Campbell in the state of Oklahoma, the report indicating that there was nothing found to show such previous association.

It is now requested that you make a definite, determined effort to ascertain any previous association of Coker with Harry Campbell in the state of Oklahoma and in conducting this investigation you go over the past life and career of Coker, ascertaining the various places he lived in the state of Oklahoma, and his past associates, and in accordance with such information developed along this line, that appropriate investigation be pursued for the purpose of showing any acquaintanceship existing between Coker and Campbell. In view of the denials of Coker that he was previously associated with Harry Campbell it is imperative that in connection with the harboring situation at Toledo, in which Coker is expected to be a defendant, such previous acquaintanceship be established and that every effort be put forth to establish this.

It is expected that the harboring case at Toledo will be presented to a Grand Jury within the next ten days and that thereafter trial will be set at an early date, and you are, therefore, requested to expedite investigation in your district.

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CC - Bureau
- Chicago
- Cincinnati

Very truly yours,

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E. J. CONNELLEY,
Inspector.

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1206 Tower Petroleum Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

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October 20, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of October 26,
1936, to the Louisville Office, you are advised that
investigation by the Dallas Office at Fort Worth,
Texas, developed that .45 caliber Colts Automatic
Pistol # C177278 was, on August 19, 1935, sold and
shipped to Harry Goldstein, 108 East First Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: REXID

Charles Becker of Toledo, Ohio, who, as indicated in report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 10, 1936, pages 69 and 70, is employed on the barge "Fritz" of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, is considered an important witness in connection with the contemplated harboring trial at Toledo, Ohio, in the near future. As set out in the report of reference, the whereabouts of Charles Becker can be ascertained through Mr. J. E. Cottier of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, 208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. It is respectfully requested that you immediately contact Mr. Cottier at the above address and ascertain from him the present whereabouts of Charles Becker and from the company records secure his home address or any other pertinent information which may be of value in locating him at the time he is desired as a witness. In this connection it may be possible to arrange with Mr. Cottier to keep the Chicago office advised as to the date of arrival of the Fritz in the harbor at Chicago, as well as information with reference to the termination of the services of Becker for the present shipping season, which is expected to close on or about November 15, 1936.

As stated hereinbefore, Charles Becker is a very important witness and we should be in a position to subpoena him at such time as he is desired as a witness, which may possibly be within the next ten or fifteen days.

Charles Becker should not be interviewed by your office at this time and, if possible, your investigation should be conducted in such a manner as to preclude any intimation reaching Charles Becker that inquiry has been made concerning him.

WJ/vjb
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J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Cleveland, Ohio

October 31, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. R. Sharp, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated February 5, 1935.

It is requested that you immediately forward to the Cleveland office, the original signed statement obtained from Lynona Burlatte, dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 20, 1935, quoted on pages thirteen to fifteen, inclusive, of the report of reference.

It is also requested that you forward to this office the original signed statement secured from William A. Morley, dated January 21, 1935, quoted on pages 25 to 29, inclusive of the above-mentioned report.

It is noted on page 25 of the report of reference that there is a statement to the effect that signed statements were secured from Daniel Young and Mrs. William A. Morley. It is likewise requested that these original signed statements be forwarded to the Cleveland office.

For your information the above requested original signed statements are needed in connection with the contemplated harboring trial which is expected will take place in the Northern District of Ohio in the near future.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 29, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

RE: BRUCE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter dated October 26, 1936 from the New Orleans office to the Louisville office, making inquiry concerning the tracing of specified guns.

For your information, .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol, #C175221, was traced to Harry Goldstein, a dealer in firearms at Tulsa, Oklahoma. His records show that on August 17, 1935 he sold it to Roy Ekles. In selling this gun to Ekles, whose identity has been impossible to determine, Goldstein did not comply with the Tulsa City Ordinance requiring submission to the police information concerning the purchaser as well as his fingerprints.

.45 calibre Colt automatic pistol, #C177278, was also traced to Harry Goldstein at Tulsa, Oklahoma, who sold the gun on August 21, 1935 to James Brown, Jenks, Oklahoma. Brown's identity could not be determined, and as in the above case, Goldstein did not comply with the city ordinance covering sale of firearms.

A .32 calibre Colt automatic, serial #480, was traced to the F. J. Pettes Hardware Company, Oklahoma City, and their records reflect that it was sold to T. Douglas, Chickasha, Oklahoma, August 16, 1935. The records do not show any additional data. Investigation at Chickasha did not develop the identity of Douglas, and Oklahoma City has no ordinance requiring a report to the police department or other law enforcement agency the sale of guns.

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Very truly yours,

7-576-13170

BRIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau
Louisville
Cincinnati
Cleveland

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 31, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

It is requested that you forward to this office immediately by registered mail, the original statements mentioned below, for use in the harboring prosecution which is contemplated to take place at Toledo, Ohio, in the near future.

Statement of Paula Farmon dated at Chicago, 9/22/34;
Statements (2) of James J. Wilson, dated at Chicago, 9/25/34;
Statement of Dolores Delaney dated at St. Paul, 1/22/36;
Statements of Eynona Burdette, as follows:
dated at St. Paul, 1/18/36;
" " Chicago, 1/31/36;
" " Chicago, 9/13/34 (unsigned);
Statement of Clara Gibson dated at Chicago, 1/18/35;
All signed statements of Kate Murray.

In addition to the above, it is requested that you thoroughly review your files in this case and that any other signed statements secured from the above mentioned individuals be furnished to the Cleveland office.

Very truly yours,

KJF/LJB
CC - Bureau
- Cincinnati

J. P. McFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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